WINGS OF VENDEMIAIRE

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Anyways, as Mohiro Kitoh is one of my favourite mangakas just because of Naru Taru, I'm sure I'll enjoy this 2 volumes short story series, hopefully you will too.

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VENDEMIAIRE
STORY & ARTWORK
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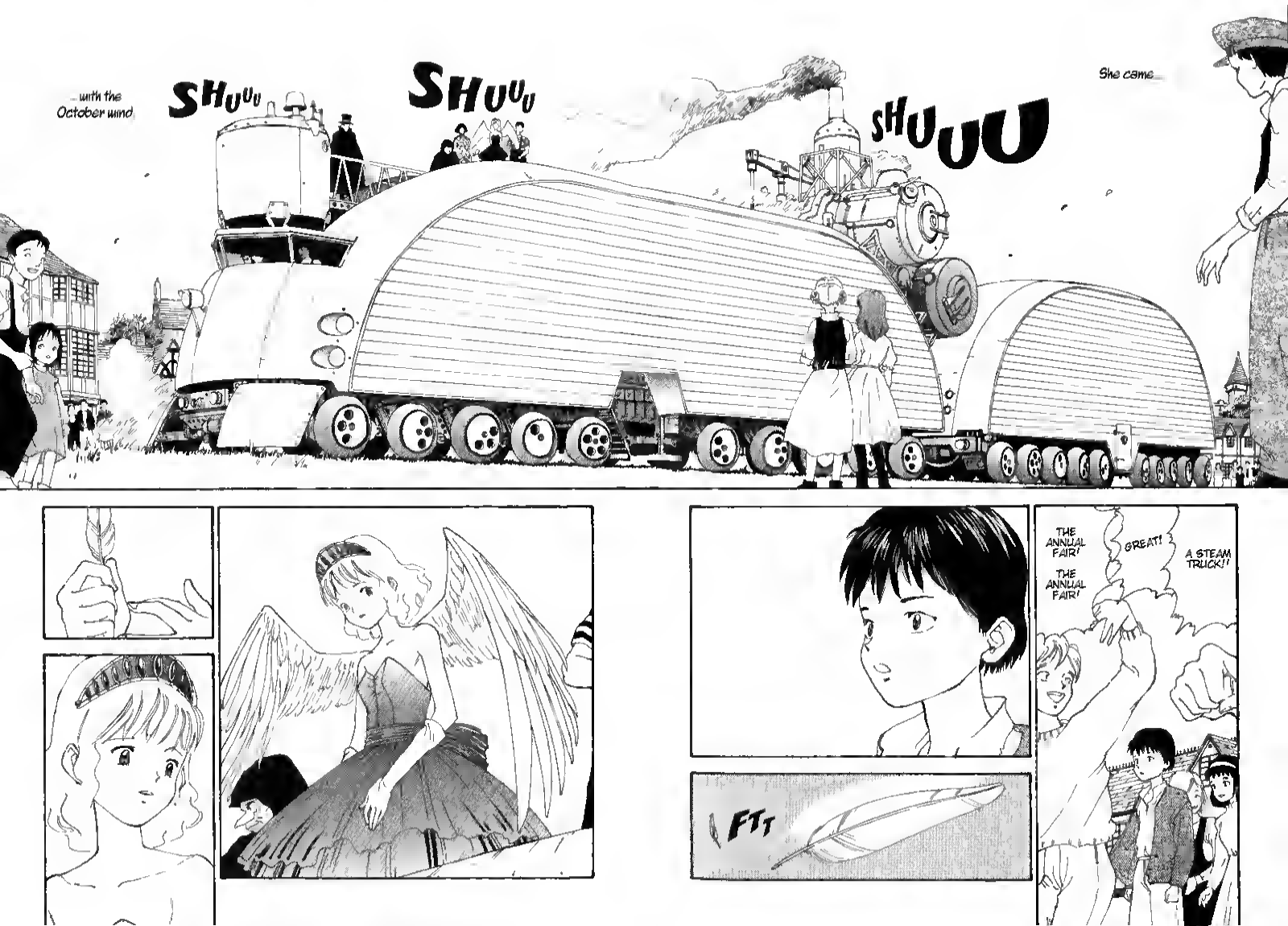
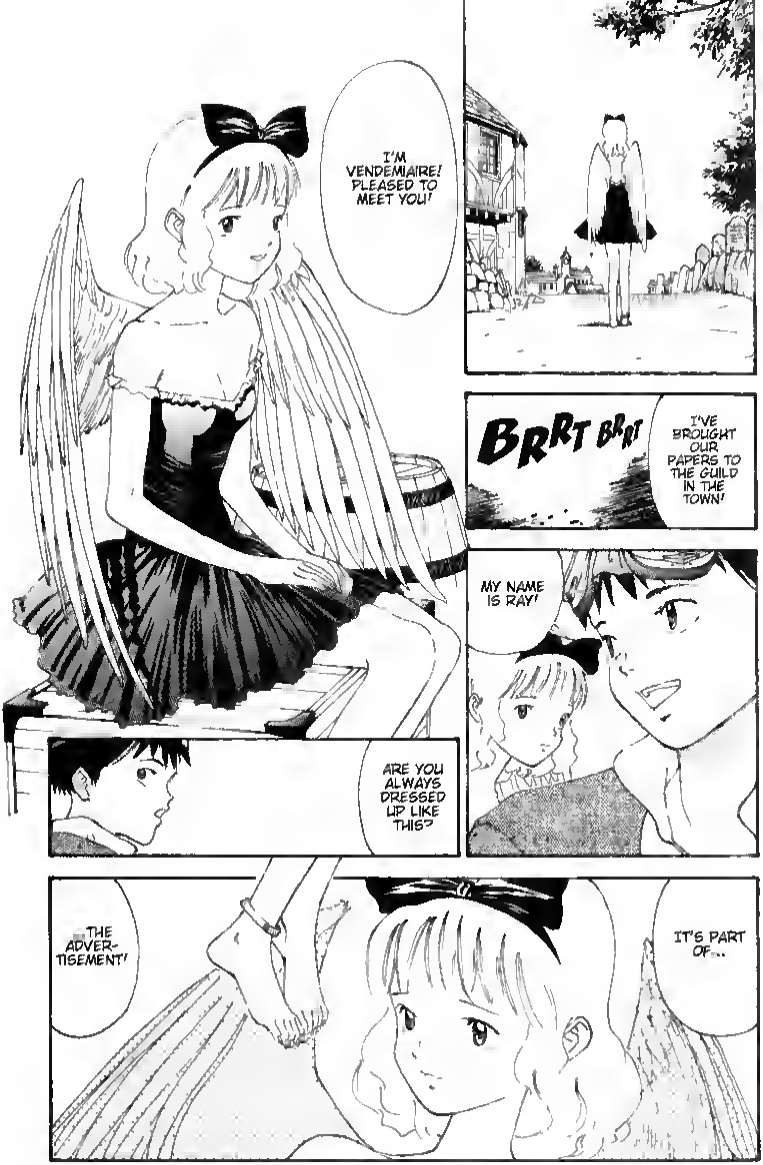
I was still a greenhorn back then...

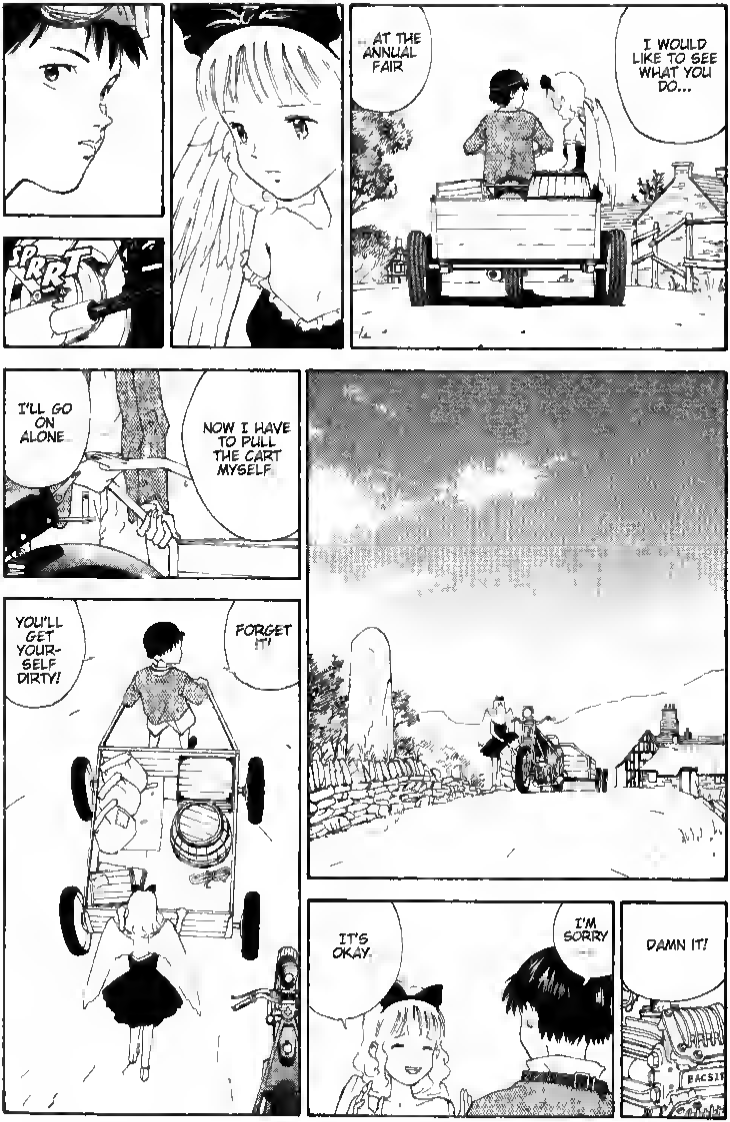
I dreamt of a city waiting for me at the end of the road...

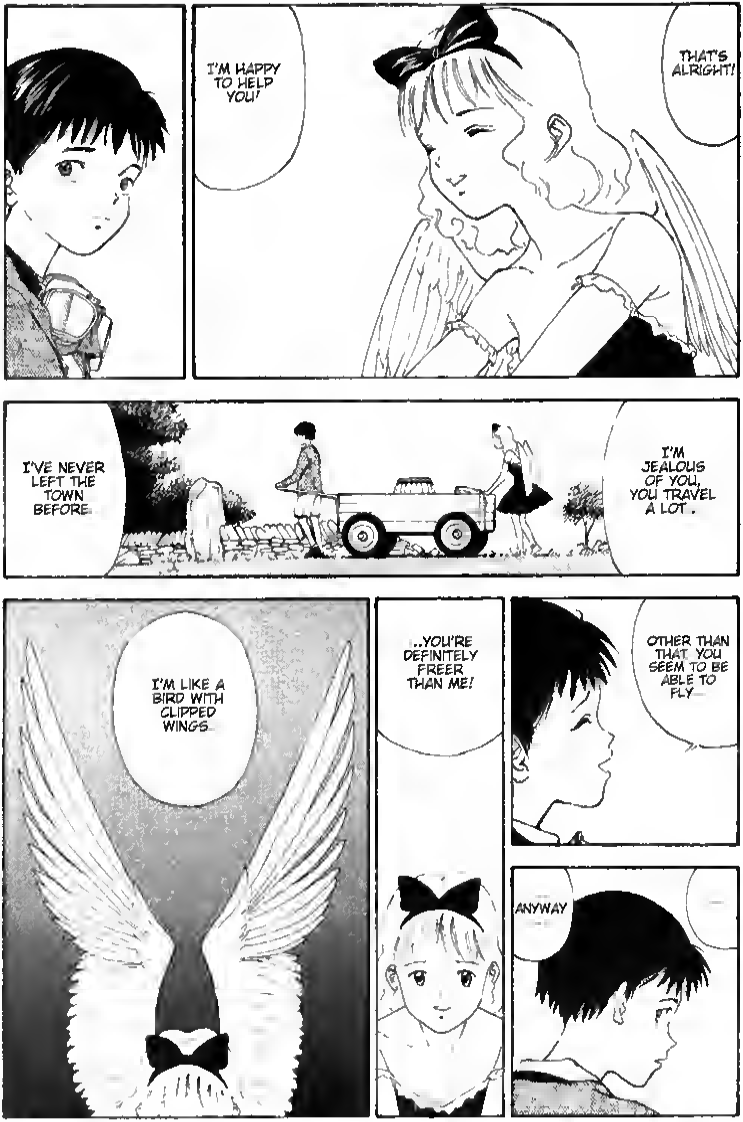
Chapter 1: Vendemiaire's Right Hand


...with the October wind...
SHUUU
SHUUU
SHUUU
She came...
THE ANNUAL FAIR!
GREAT!
A STEAM TRUCK!!
THE ANNUAL FAIR!
FTT

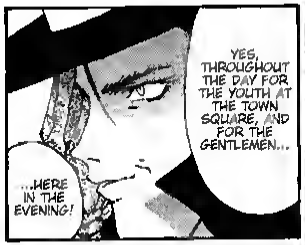
BRRT BRRT BRRT


I'M VENDEMIAIRE! PLEASED TO MEET YOU!
BRRT BRRT
I'VE BROUGHT OUR PAPERS TO THE GUILD IN THE TOWN!
MY NAME IS RAY!
ARE YOU ALWAYS DRESSED UP LIKE THIS?
...THE ADVER-TISEMENT!
IT'S PART OF...


...AT THE ANNUAL FAIR
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHAT YOU DO...
SPRRT
I'LL GO ON ALONE
NOW I HAVE TO PULL THE CART MYSELF
YOU'LL GET YOUR-SELF DIRTY!
FORGET IT!
IT'S OKAY.
I'M SORRY
DAMN IT!
BACSIT


I'M HAPPY TO HELP YOU!
THAT'S ALRIGHT!
I'VE NEVER LEFT THE TOWN BEFORE.
I'M JEALOUS OF YOU, YOU TRAVEL A LOT.
I'M LIKE A BIRD WITH CLIPPED WINGS.
..YOU'RE DEFINITELY FREER THAN ME!
OTHER THAN THAT, YOU SEEM TO BE ABLE TO FLY.
ANYWAY...

...HAVE PERFOR-MANCE AT OUR PLACE?
INN
YOU WANT TO...

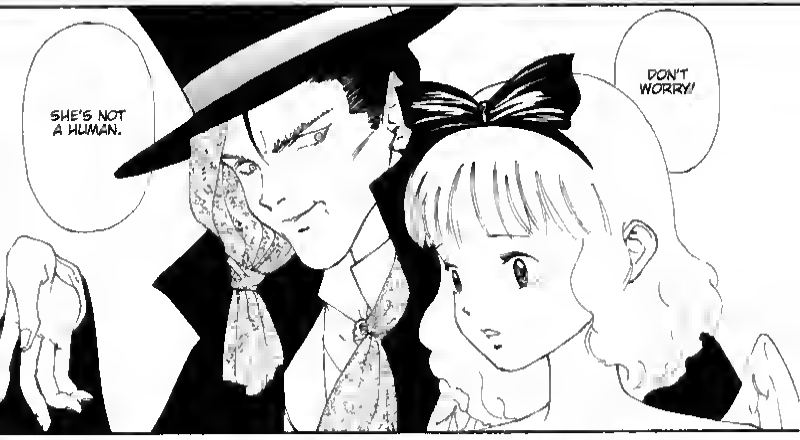

YES, THROUGHOUT THE DAY FOR THE YOUTH AT THE TOWN SQUARE, AND FOR THE GENTLEMEN...
...HERE IN THE EVENING!

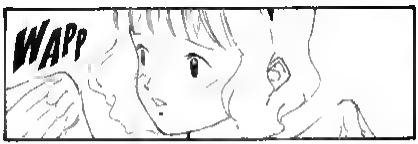
Fontaine

BUT IF YOU WANT TO...
THERE ARE NO GENTLEMEN HERE—

I HOPE THERE WON'T BE ANY PROB-LEMS.
SHE'S HARDLY OLDER THAN MY SON!

...GIRL PERFORM-ING TOO?
IS THE...


SHE'S NOT A HUMAN.
DON'T WORRY!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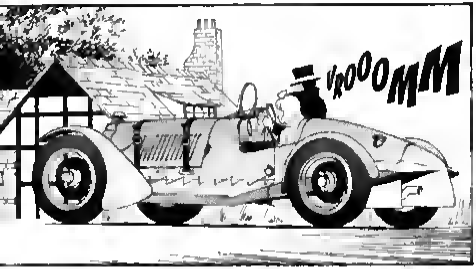
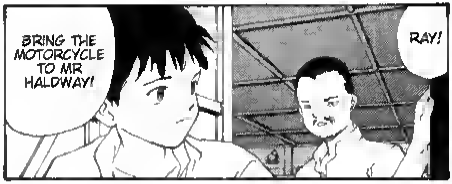

VROOOMM

COME!
VENDE-MIAIRE!


BRING THE MOTORCYCLE TO MR HALDWAY!
RAY!

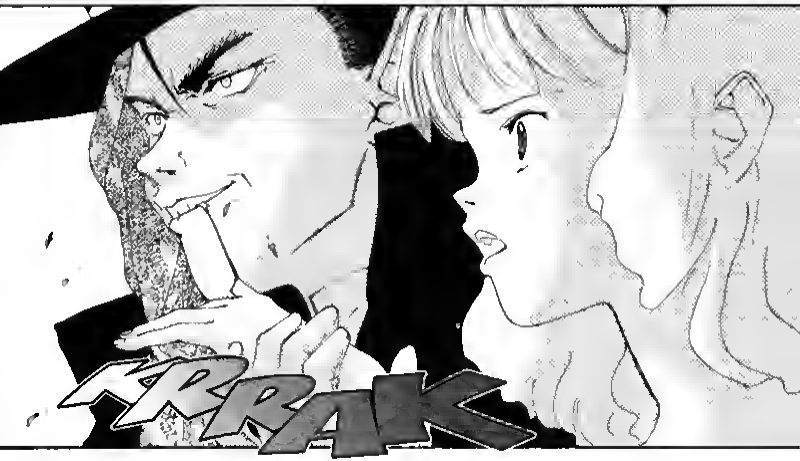
FHUU
SSHHH
PLOP

SO
WOAH! AN APE-MAN!
SWITT
...OF THE DIRECTOR!
SHE'S PROBABLY THERE FOR THE ENJOYMENT...
THE ONE WITH THE WINGS!
WHO?
...THE GIRL DIDN'T PERFORM AFTER ALL
HM? WE JUST HAPPENED TO RUN INTO EACH OTHER...
YOU WERE WITH HERE YESTERDAY AFTER ALL, RAY...
YES, YES!
...IS SURELY EASY TO HAVE!
A GIRL FROM THE ANNUAL FAIR...
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

WOSH
GULP
BUT YOU'RE BLEEDING!
FORGET IT.
SNUFF

I'M REALLY...
...NOT HUMAN!
I'M COLD, AM I NOT?
I'M..
Fontaine
INN

. A WONDER OF SCIENCE!
AND NOW I'LL SHOW YOU ALL...
SHE IS NO NORMAL HUMAN.
YOU'VE GIVEN YOUR TRUST TO THE BOY FROM THE INN...
LOOK CAREFULLY HERE!
WAPP
A PUPPET THAT CAN MOVE FREELY BY ITSELF. MISS VENDEMIAIRE!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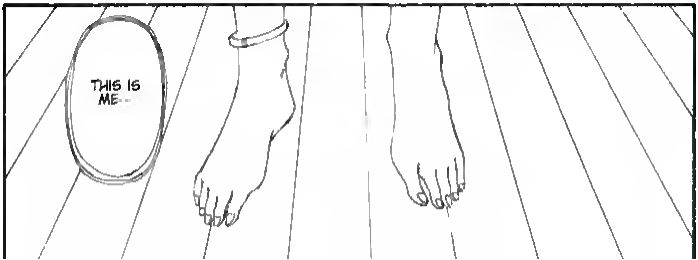
SURELY LOOKING AT YOU NOW...
HE'S ...

THIS IS THE PUNISHMENT!

OW!

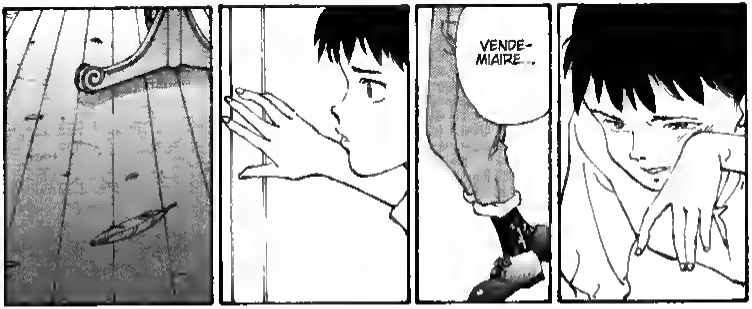
SHOW HIM
WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE!

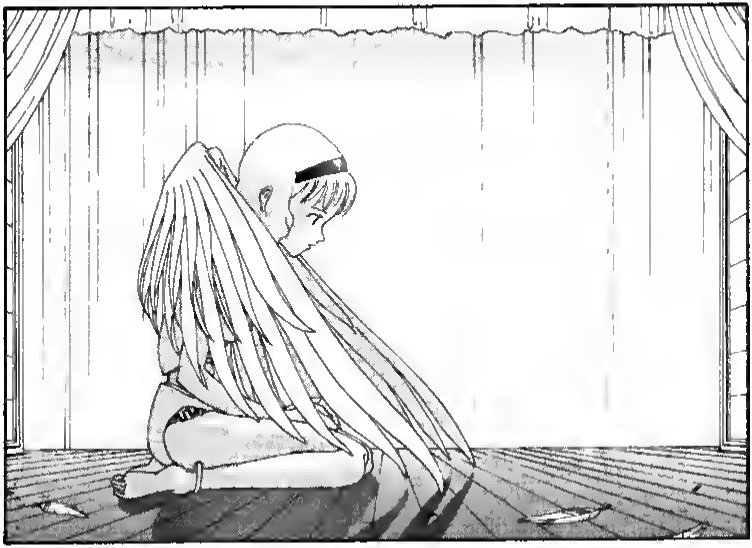

THIS IS ME...

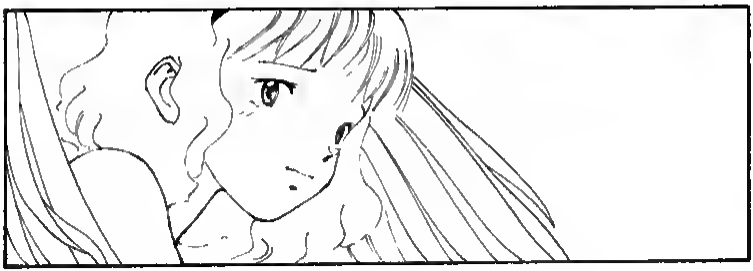
GO AHEAD AND TOUCH HER...
BUT BE CAREFUL WITH HER...
IN ORDER TO LET YOU CONVINCE YOURSELVES
VENDEMIAIRE WILL NOW SERVE YOU WINE!
...VERY FRAGILE...
SHE IS...
TAP

VENDEMIAIRE!
AH
PATAN
YOU'RE TOO YOUNG FOR SUCH THINGS!
PA... PAPA...
COUGH

YOU HAVE TO OBEY ME!
PAAAFF
DON'T TAKE ANY LIBERTIES FOR YOURSELF!
HE TREATS ME AS IF I'M DEAD...
INN

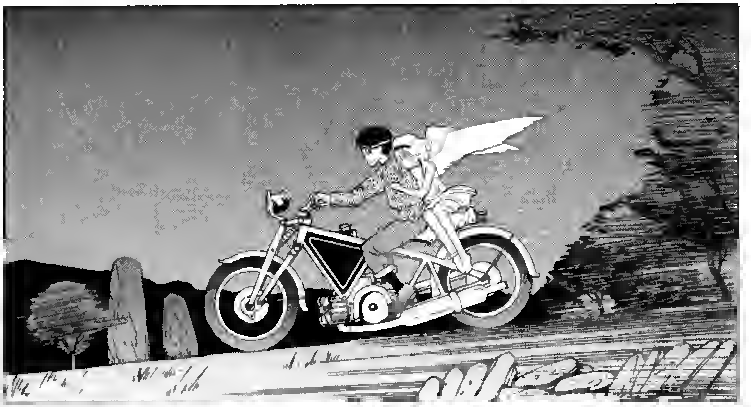

VENDE-
MIAIRE...





WILL YOU COME ALONG INTO THE CITY?

BRRRRT BRRRT BRRT



...INTO THE OUTSIDE WORLD

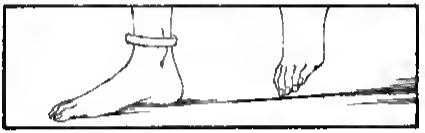
WHEN I SAW YOU, I HOPED THAT YOU WOULD TAKE ME WITH YOU...

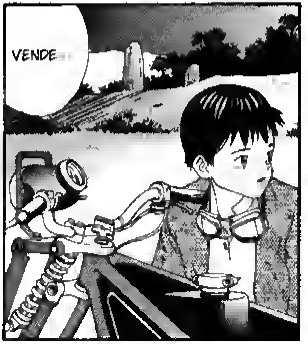
I HOPED FOR THAT TOO

...NOT HUMAN.

BUT I'M...

HUITT
THANK YOU, RAY...
WHAT FOR?
NOW OF ALL TIMES..
OH...
SPRRT

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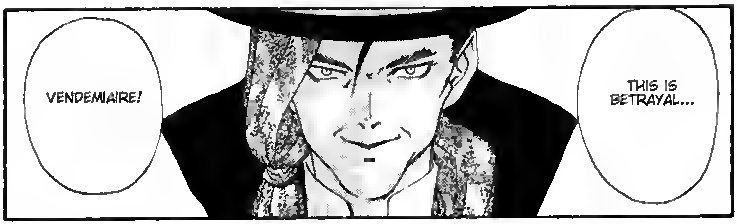
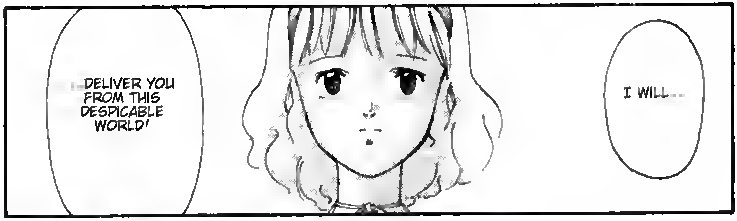

VENDEMIAIRE!
THIS IS BETRAYAL...

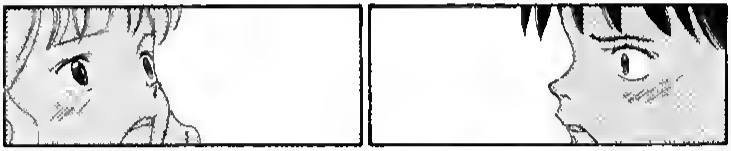

...DELIVER YOU FROM THIS DESPICABLE WORLD!
I WILL...

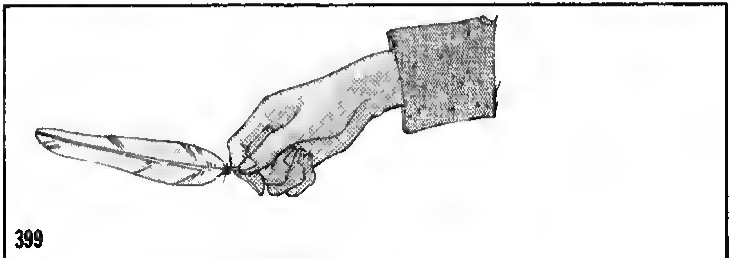
AH!

BAAM
VENDEMIAIRE!
ANYTIME!
I CAN BUILD A NEW ONE FOR MYSELF...

..DO THEN?
WHAT DID VENDEMI-AIRE
FOR THE DAMAGE!
YOU'LL HAVE TO ACCEPT RESPONSI-BILITY...

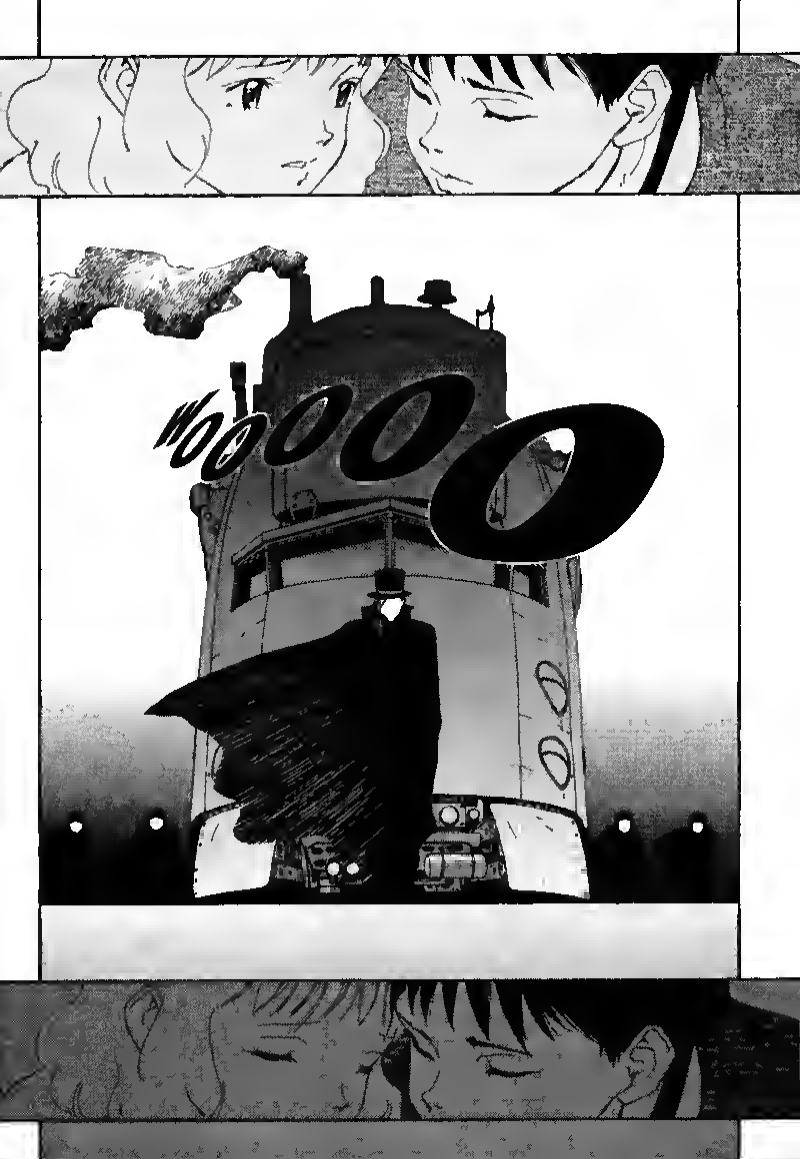
BSSSH!





...ENOUGH YET!
THAT'S NOT...

...TILL THE END OF YOUR LIFE!
I'LL FOLLOW YOU...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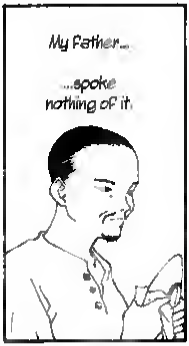
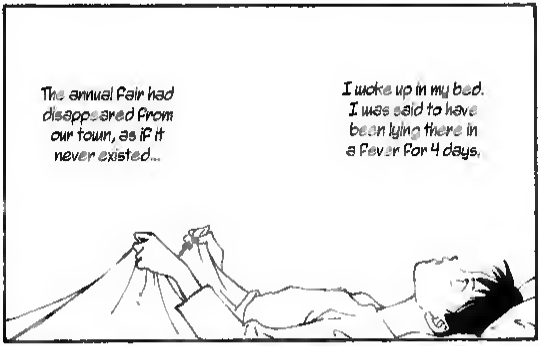
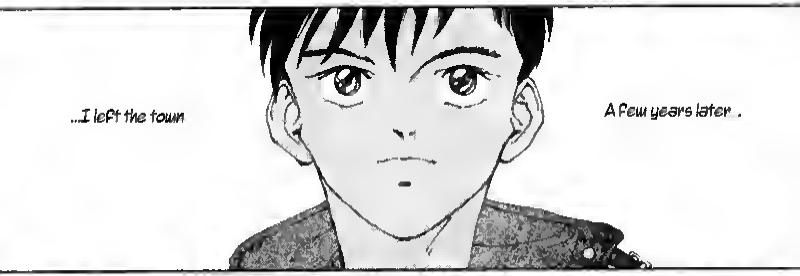
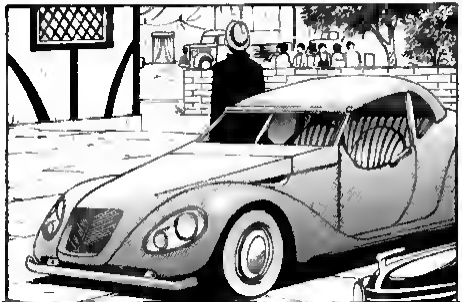
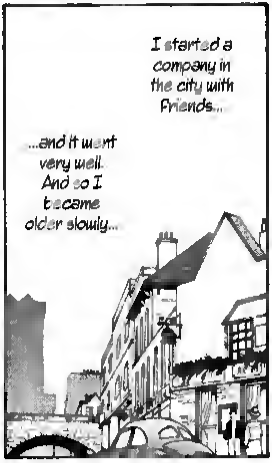

My Father...
...spoke nothing of it.


The annual fair had disappeared from our town, as if it never existed...
I woke up in my bed. I was said to have been lying there in a fever for 4 days.

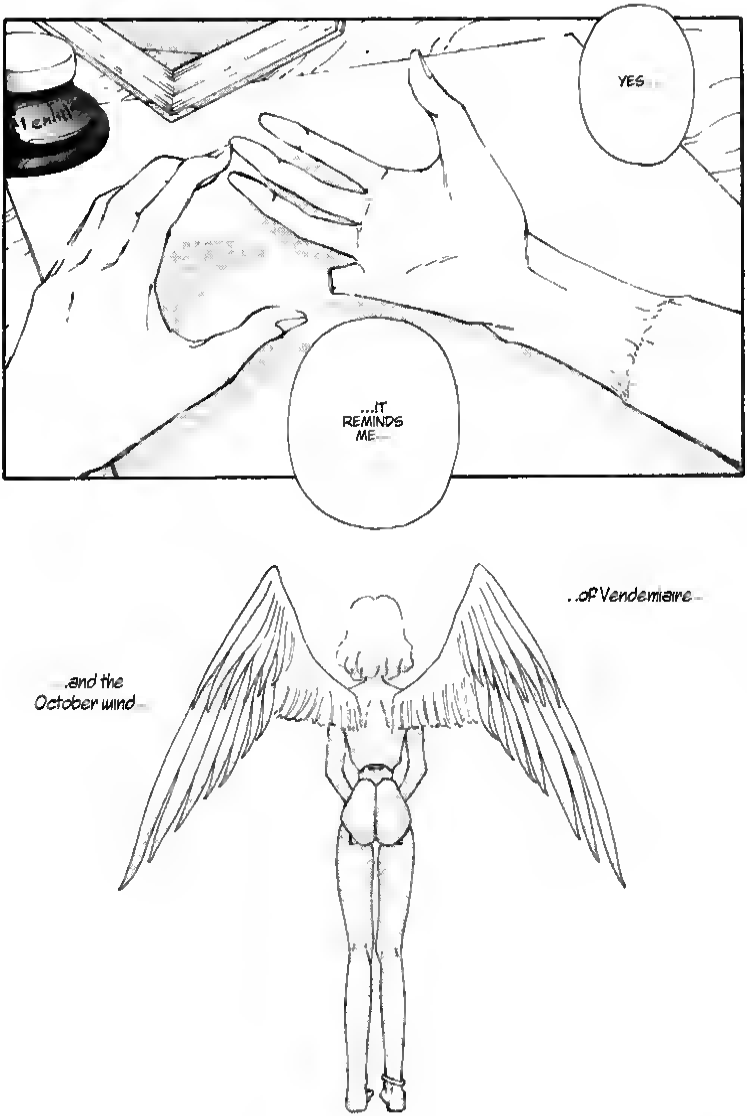

...I left the town
A few years later .

THE ANNUAL FAIR THAT YOU LOOKED FOR IS COMING TO THE CITY!
HEY, RAY!




I started a company in the city with friends...
...and it went very well. And so I became older slowly...

I'M THE DIRECTOR
HOW CAN I SERVE YOU?
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM THEM?
YOU SHOULD GET MARRIED AND START A FAMILY
I NOTICED THAT YOUR RIGHT HAND IS VERY SLIM
AH...


YES...
...IT REMINDS ME...
...and the October wind...
...of Vendemiaire...

「空漠(くうばく)たる罪悪感」。
自分でもはっきりとつかめない
その不安につき動かされて、
その罪悪感を「何ものか」に
研(と)ぎ出そうとしています。
いつかそれを認識できると期待して。

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ヴァンデミエール、それは魂を宿した自動人形。
造り物の身体に生を受けた彼女は、
自由と自立を求め、創造主のもとを飛び立つ。
ある時は小さな村で少年に導かれ、
ある時は翼行飛行士の命の代償に自らをさしだして。
19世紀のヨーロッパに似た世界を、少女人形が駆け抜ける。
飛べない翼を、せいいっぱい広げて。

「人間のまがい物」
「天使のまがい物」
「機械のまがい物」
それが自分を指して言った言葉。

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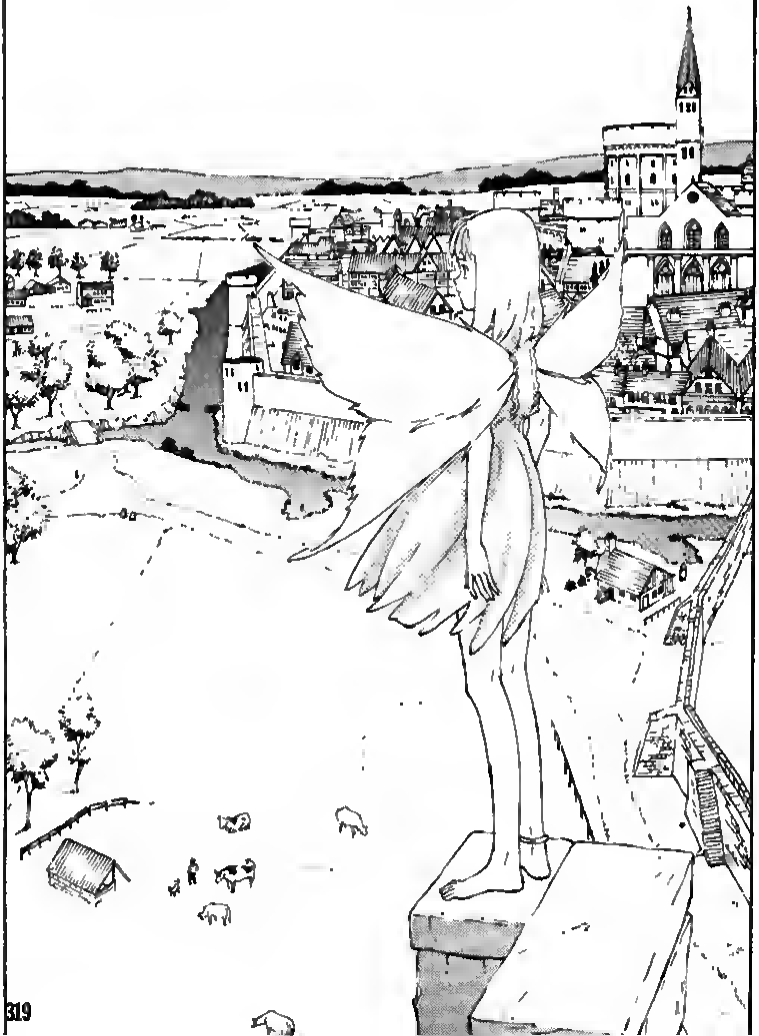


GWOOOO
VRRRRRRR

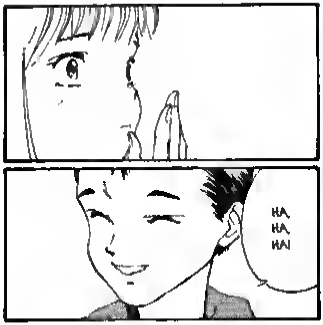
AN ANNUAL FAIR? EXCELLENT!
I'LL LAND HERE!
VRRRRRRRRR
FLAP

FLAP FLAP
SH
TAT
YOU'LL GET YOUR FINGERS OILY!
WATCH OUT
DON'T TOUCH!
WOW
COOL...

*Tower jumpers jumped with self-made wings... Most of the time it ended tragically.

I ONLY SAID IT FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!
WHY SO UNFRIENDLY?
AERON
WHAT ARE THEY FOR THEN?
WHAT?
DON'T WORRY, MY WINGS ARE NOT...
...FOR FLYING!
TO ATTRACT SYMPATHY!

IF HE WAS A LITTLE MORE OPEN-MINDED, YOU'D BE MORE SUCCESSFUL...
THE DIRECTOR WILL BE ANGRY! HE THINKS YOU'RE DISTURBING THE SHOW...
I'M NOT ALLOWED TO TALK TO YOU!
WHAT...?
WHAT A COMBINATION!
A STUNT PILOT AND A DECEITFUL CHARLATAN
AND YOU ARE...?
HA HA HA, I'M WILLIAM CALL ME WILL!
YOU'RE MEAN!
PING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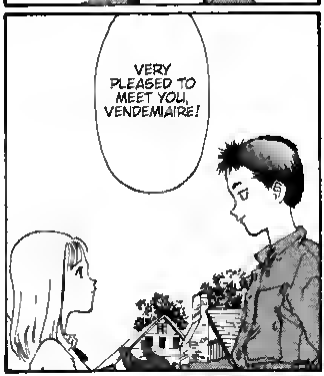
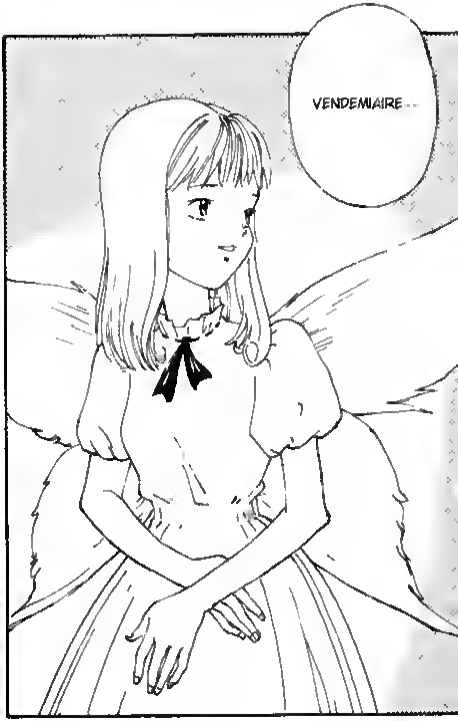

VERY PLEASED TO MEET YOU, VENDEMIAIRE!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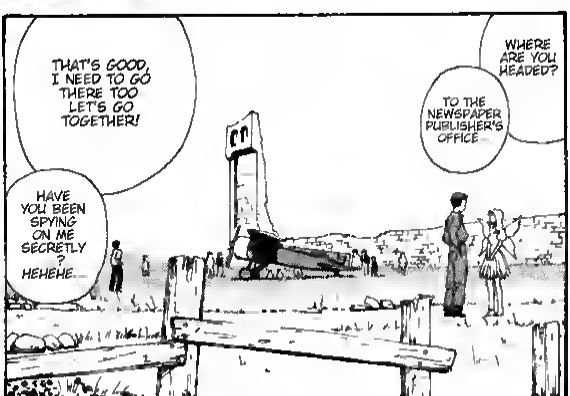
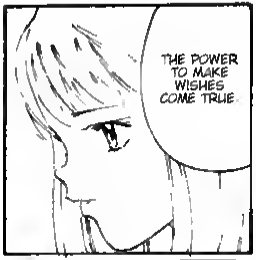
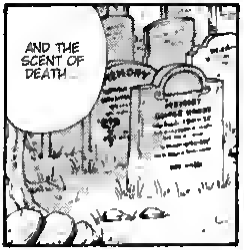
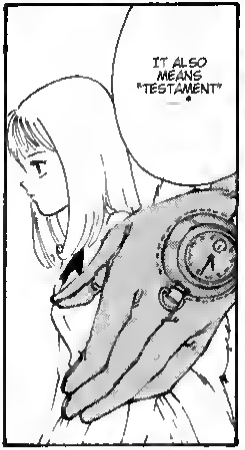

THAT'S GOOD, I NEED TO GO THERE TOO LET'S GO TOGETHER!
WHERE ARE YOU HEADED?
TO THE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER'S OFFICE...
HAVE YOU BEEN SPYING ON ME SECRETLY? HEHEHE...







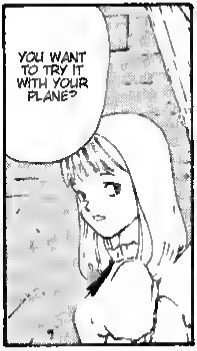
* For those of you who are bad at English the full phrase often used is "Last will and testament" - that is the meaning referred to here

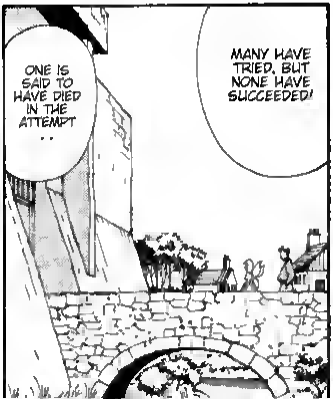
...TO WRITE MY WILL...
AERONAUT's Will be done.
BUT I DON'T PLAN...

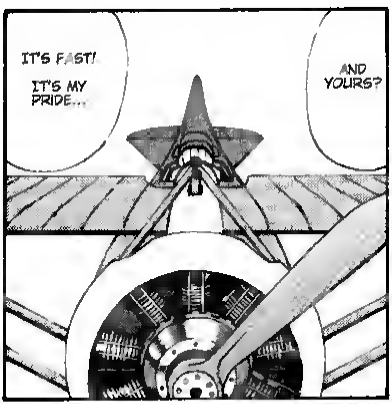
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO FLY AROUND THE WALLED CITY 10 TIMES IN 30 MINUTES.
THE NEWSPAPER IS ORGANIZING A FLYING CONTEST.

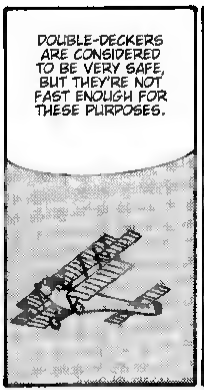
WHY?
OF COURSE!

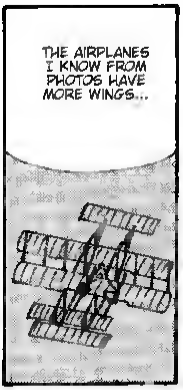
IT DOESN'T LOOK VERY IMPRESSIVE
HO HO

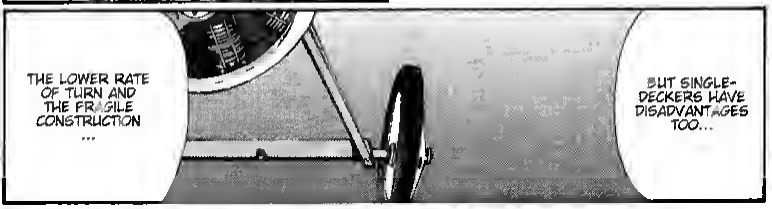

YOU WANT TO TRY IT WITH YOUR PLANE?

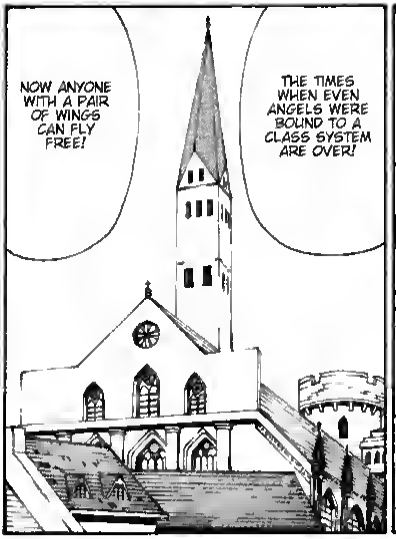

ONE IS SAID TO HAVE DIED IN THE ATTEMPT...
MANY HAVE TRIED, BUT NONE HAVE SUCCEEDED!


IT'S FAST!
IT'S MY PRIDE...
AND YOURS?


DOUBLE-DECKERS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE VERY SAFE, BUT THEY'RE NOT FAST ENOUGH FOR THESE PURPOSES.


THE AIRPLANES I KNOW FROM PHOTOS HAVE MORE WINGS...


THE LOWER RATE OF TURN AND THE FRAGILE CONSTRUCTION ...
BUT SINGLE-DECKERS HAVE DISADVANTAGES TOO...

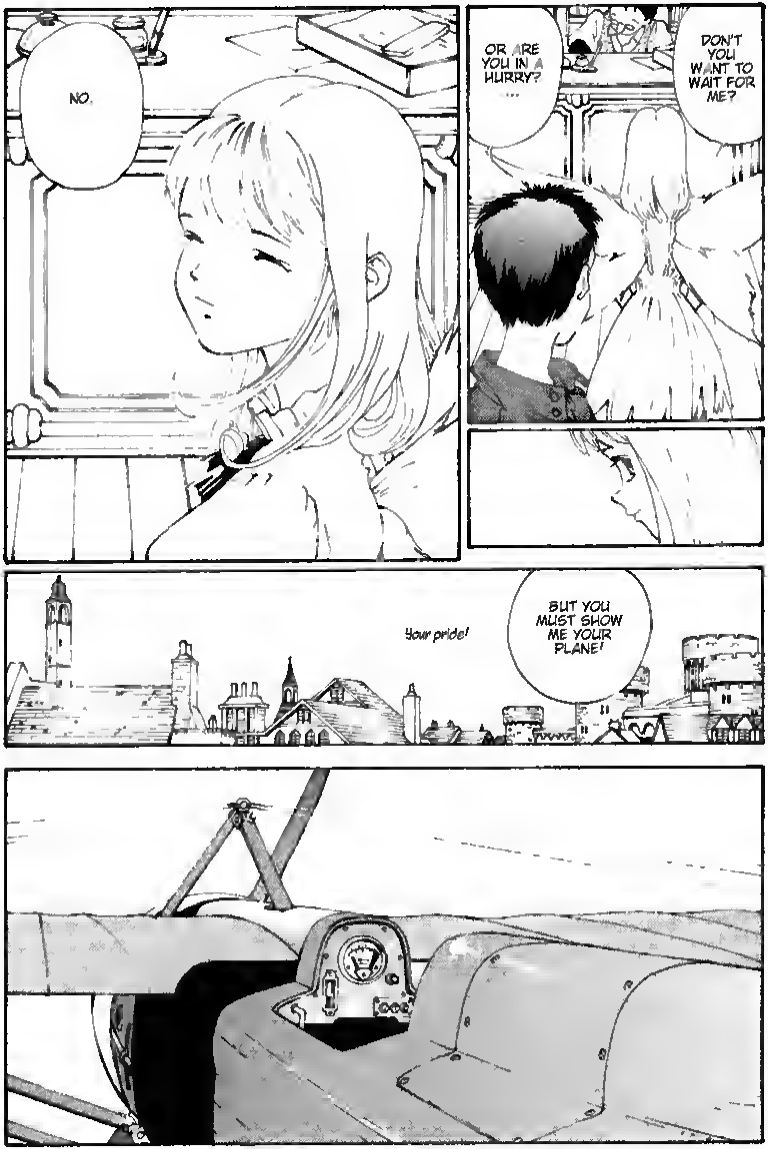

NOW ANYONE WITH A PAIR OF WINGS CAN FLY FREE!
THE TIMES WHEN EVEN ANGELS WERE BOUND TO A CLASS SYSTEM ARE OVER!

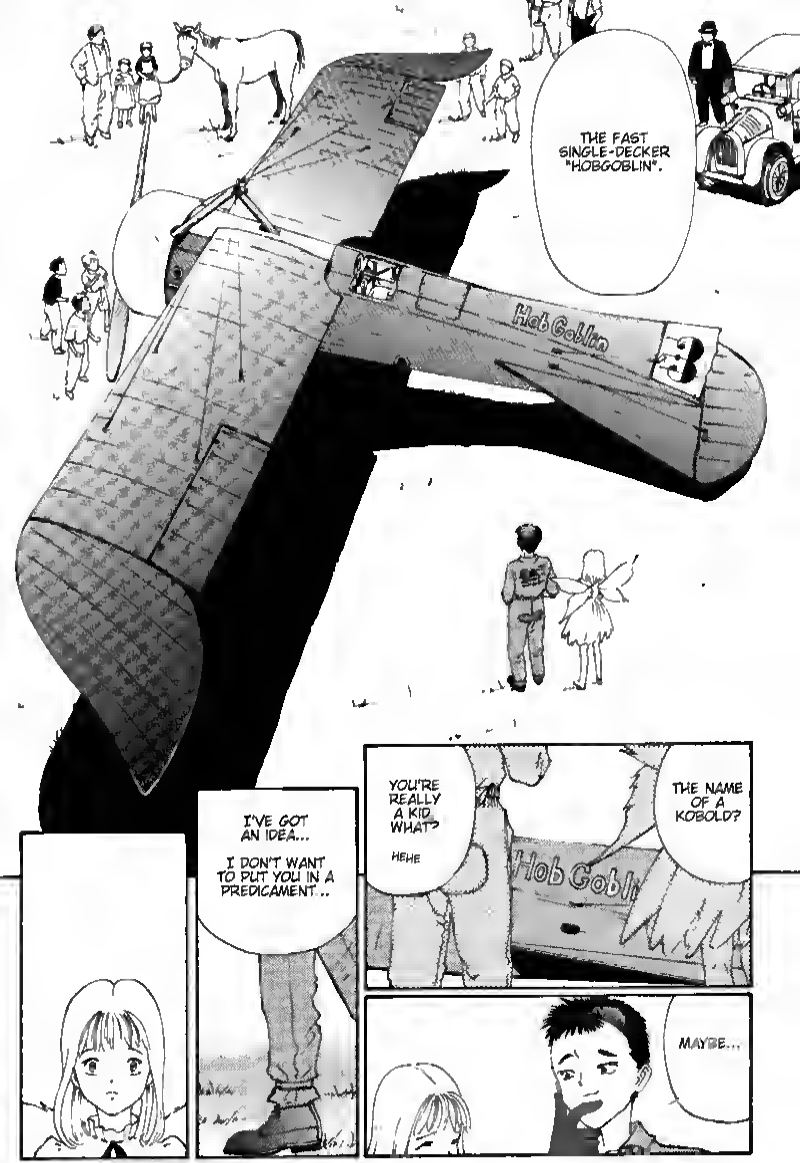
YOU ONLY NEED A BIT MORE SKILL!

NOT WITHOUT DANGER ...

THE SINGLE-DECKER'S TIME HAS COME.
AND YOU WANT TO...

THAT ALSO MEANS THE TIME OF THE NOBLES...
...IS OVER!
THAT'S TOO BAD, THEN I CAN'T ACCOMPANY YOU BACK.
I'M GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE LONGER.
I'M JUST DELIVERING OUR PROGRAM.
AND YOU?
ADD GRAPH
ADD GRAPH
OH WELL THANKS.
I'LL GO BACK BY MYSELF THEN
EH?


NO.
OR ARE YOU IN A HURRY? ...
DON'T YOU WANT TO WAIT FOR ME?
Your pride!
BUT YOU MUST SHOW ME YOUR PLANE!


THE FAST SINGLE-DECKER "HOBGOBLIN".
Hob Goblin
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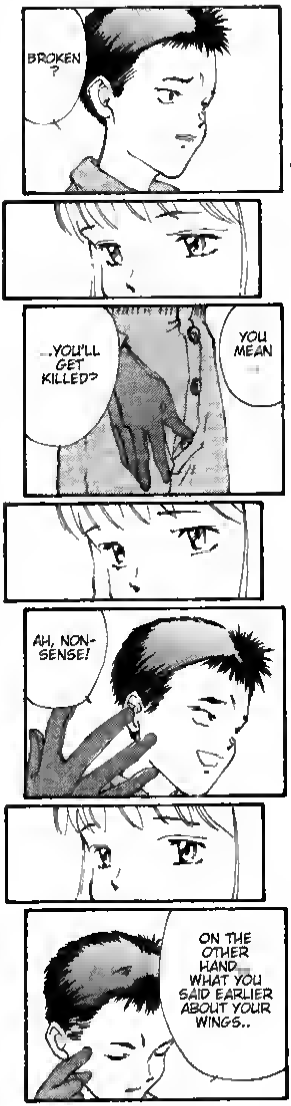
THE NAME OF A KOBOLD?
YOU'RE REALLY A KID, WHAT?
HEHE
I'VE GOT AN IDEA...
I DON'T WANT TO PUT YOU IN A PREDICAMENT...
MAYBE...

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO FLY WITH ME?
YES...
...BUT... I..
OH WELL... SOMETIME ...
I'VE NEVER CRASHED!
I COULD BREAK
YOU'RE AFRAID?

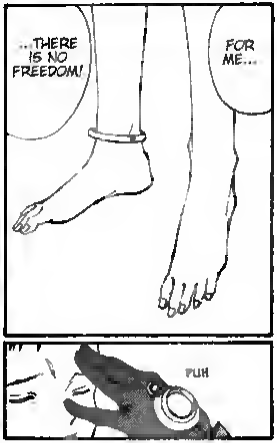

BROKEN ?
..I MIGHT BECOME BROKEN!
IF I DO THAT...
YOU MEAN
..YOU'LL GET KILLED?
AH, NON-SENSE!
ON THE OTHER HAND... WHAT YOU SAID EARLIER ABOUT YOUR WINGS..

THEY FREE US FROM THE CURSE OF GRAVITY AND DEFY GOD...
WINGS HELP US ACHIEVE FREEDOM!

HI, HI

YOU LEAVE ME NO CHOICE...
ARE ALL PILOTS LIKE YOU OR ARE YOU AN EXCEP-TION?
I'M A LECHER ...

THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD FLY WITH ME! DON'T YOU THINK SO?
BUT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO...


...THERE IS NO FREEDOM!
FOR ME...
PUH

WAH...!
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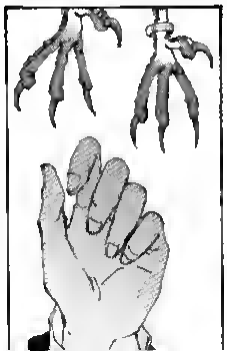

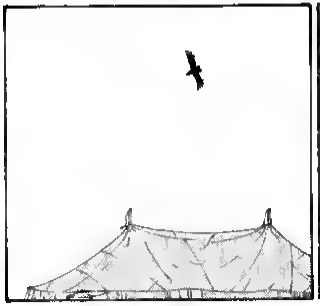

FLAP

PÖTT
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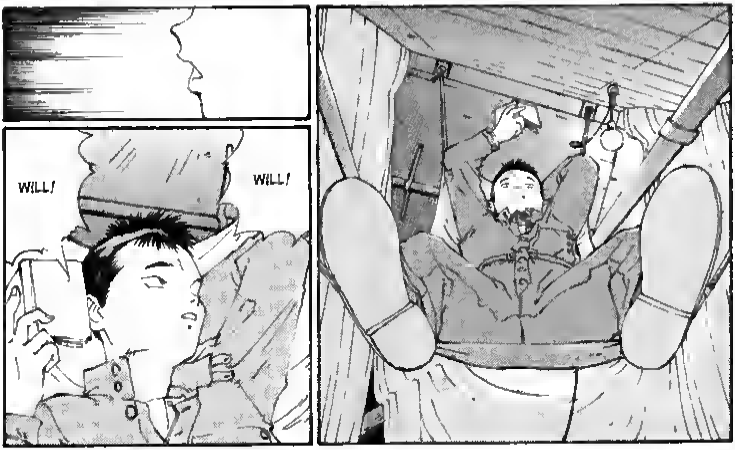
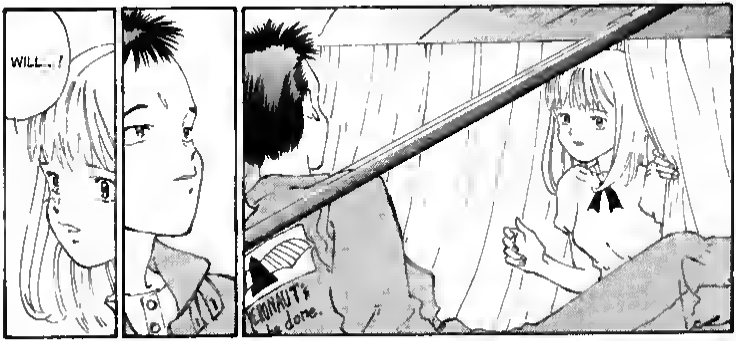
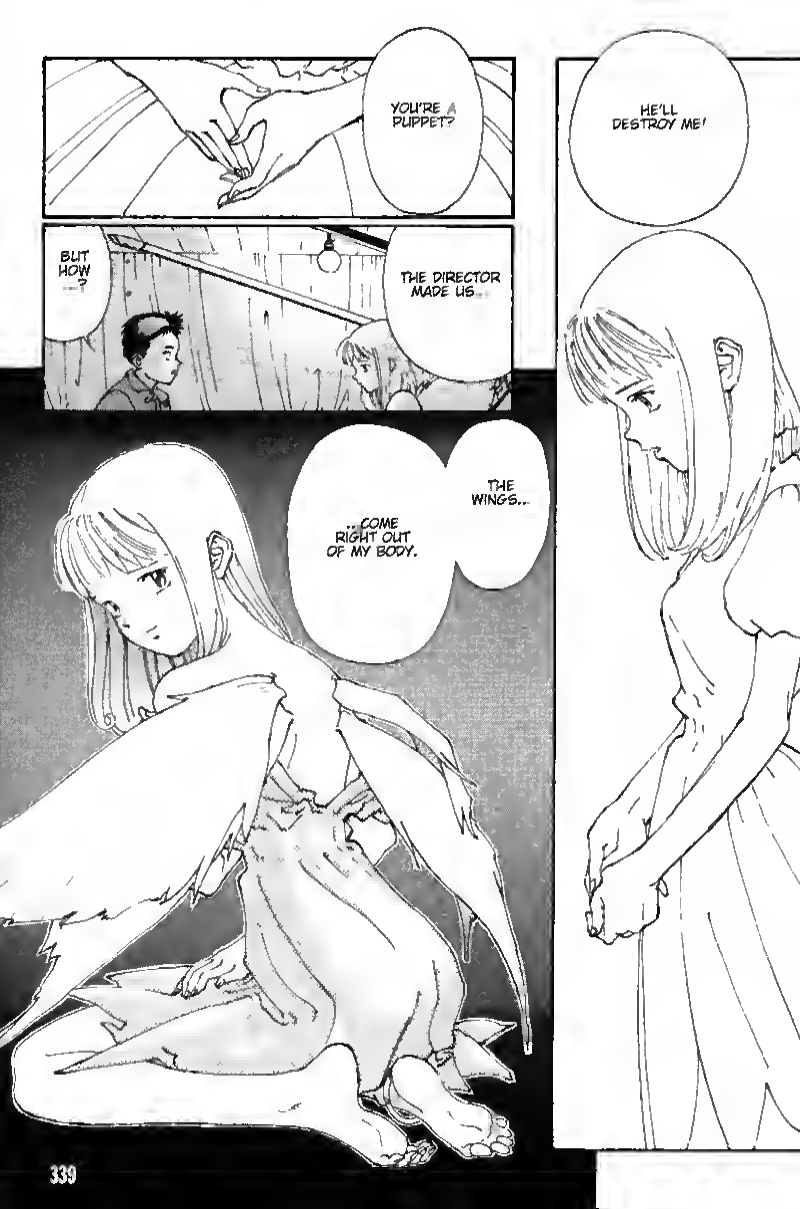
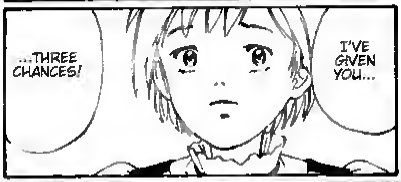

WILL!
WILL!

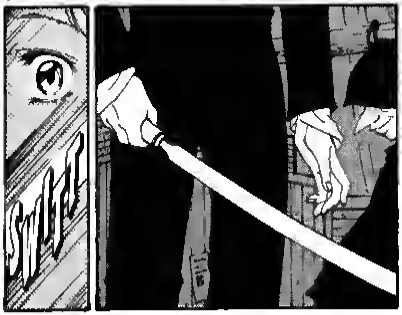

WILL...!
EMMA!! I'm done.

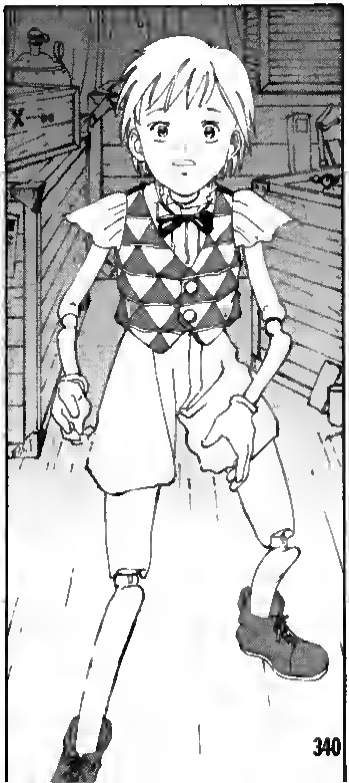

YOU'RE A PUPPET?
BUT HOW...?
THE DIRECTOR MADE US...
THE WINGS...
...COME RIGHT OUT OF MY BODY.
HE'LL DESTROY ME!

A FATHER THAT ONE REPAYS OBEDIENTLY!
HE IS OUR CREATOR,

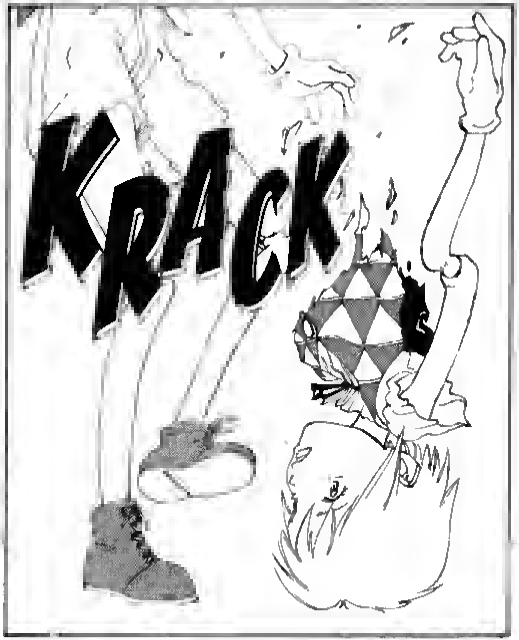
...AGAIN TODAY!
YOU'VE MADE A MISTAKE...

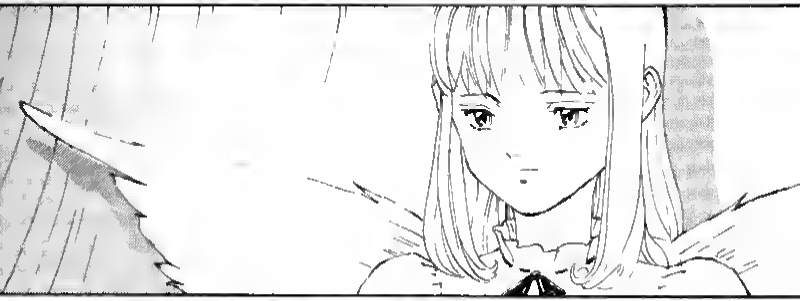

...THREE CHANCES!
I'VE GIVEN YOU...

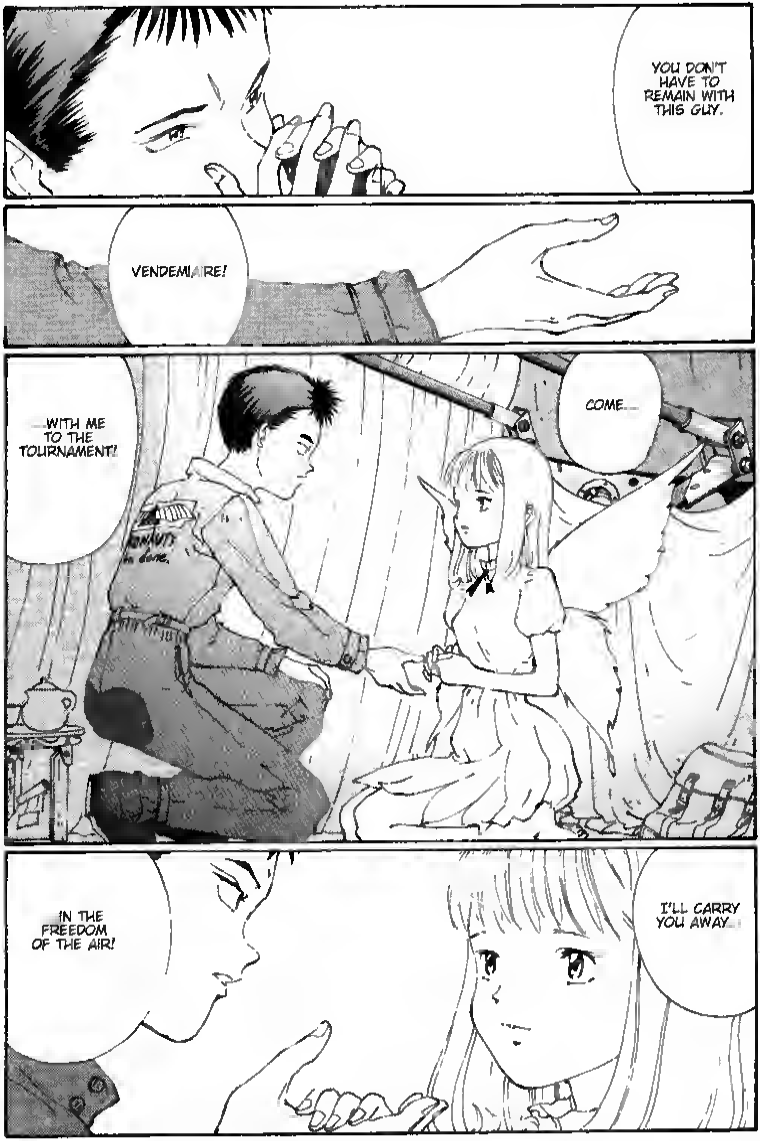

SWISH!!



WHERE IS...
VENDÉMIAIRE?


KRACK



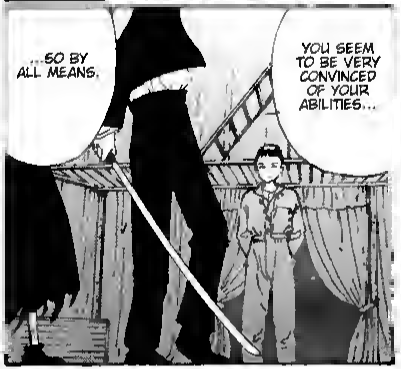

YOU DON'T HAVE TO REMAIN WITH THIS GUY.
VENDEMIAIRE!
COME...
...WITH ME TO THE TOURNAMENT!
I'LL CARRY YOU AWAY...
IN THE FREEDOM OF THE AIR!

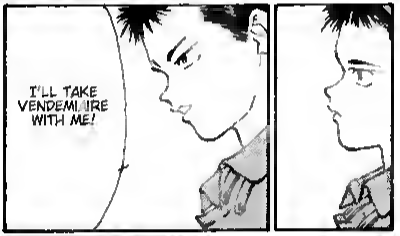
I'VE COME TO MAKE YOU AN OFFER!
WHAT DO YOU WANT HERE?
I'LL TAKE SOMETHING THAT YOU DON'T NEED ANYMORE OFF YOUR HANDS!

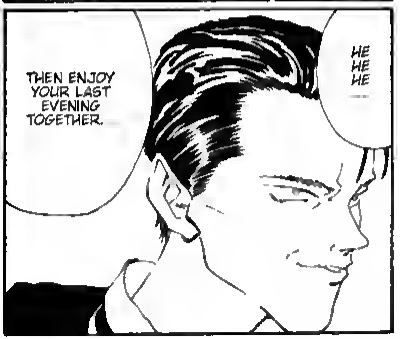
...AND IN RETURN YOU'LL GIVE ME VENDEMIAIRE!
YOU'LL GET THE PRIZE MONEY FROM ME...

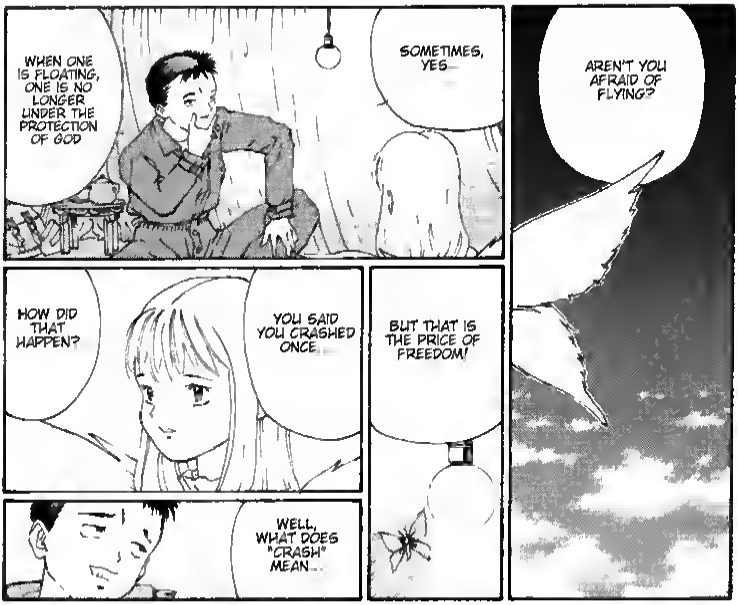
AFTER ALL, WHO KNOWS IF YOU'LL STILL BE ALIVE TOMORROW?

IDIOT!
HE ISN'T IN THIS FOR THE MONEY!


YOU SEEM TO BE VERY CONVINCED OF YOUR ABILITIES...
...SO BY ALL MEANS.

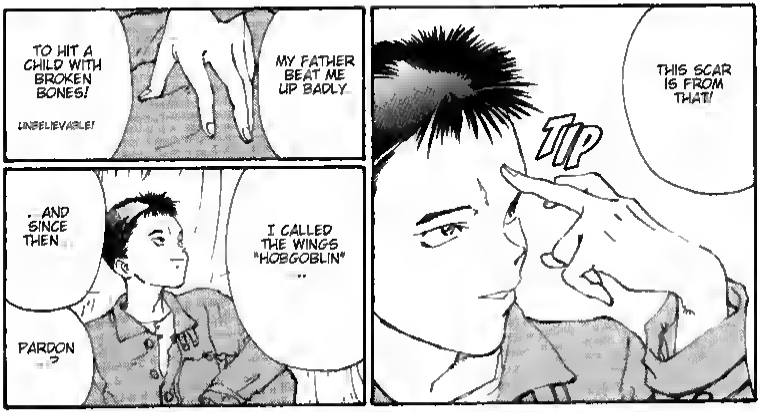

I'LL TAKE VENDEMIAIRE WITH ME!


HE HE HE
THEN ENJOY YOUR LAST EVENING TOGETHER.

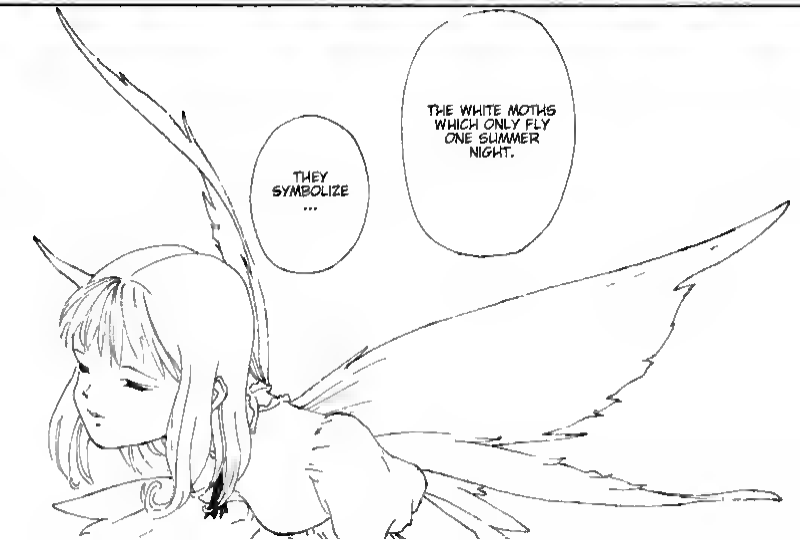

WHEN ONE IS FLOATING, ONE IS NO LONGER UNDER THE PROTECTION OF GOD
SOMETIMES, YES...
AREN'T YOU AFRAID OF FLYING?
HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?
YOU SAID YOU CRASHED ONCE...
BUT THAT IS THE PRICE OF FREEDOM!
WELL, WHAT DOES "CRASH" MEAN...

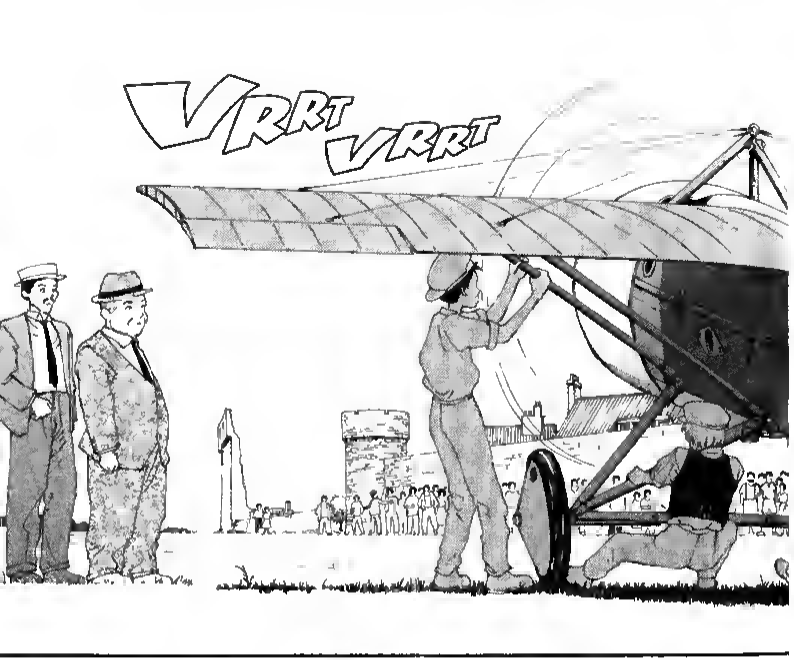
I JUMPED FROM THE CHURCH TOWER WITH WINGS I MADE MYSELF.
I WAS TWELVE BACK THEN AND A TOWER JUMPER...

THAT I'M STILL ALIVE IS A WONDER.
I CRASHED TO THE EARTH LIKE A STONE!
STILL, AS I FELL I FELT IT...
...MY CONSCIOUSNESS WAKENED!
FREE FROM FATHER AND MOTHER
FREE ...FROM THE TEDIOUS BURDEN OF FRIENDS
...FROM FEEDING THE CHICKENS AND THE DAILY PRAYERS...
THE CHURCH
...FREE FROM EVERYTHING THAT WAS HOLDING ME DOWN!


THIS SCAR IS FROM THAT!
TIP
MY FATHER BEAT ME UP BADLY...
TO HIT A CHILD WITH BROKEN BONES!
UNBELIEVABLE!
I CALLED THE WINGS "HOBGOBLIN"...
...AND SINCE THEN...
PARDON...?

WHAT WOULD YOU CALL YOUR PLANE?
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BRING LUCK...
EVEN THOUGH I CRASHED ONCE...
WHAT?! THAT DOESN'T HAVE ANY MEANING...
PISKY!


THE WHITE MOTHS WHICH ONLY FLY ONE SUMMER NIGHT.
THEY SYMBOLIZE ...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THE SOUL OF A DEAD, UNBAPTIZED CHILD..
VRRT
Hob Goblin
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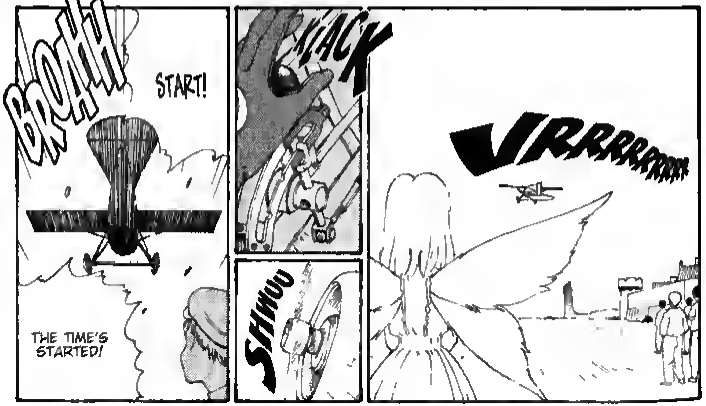
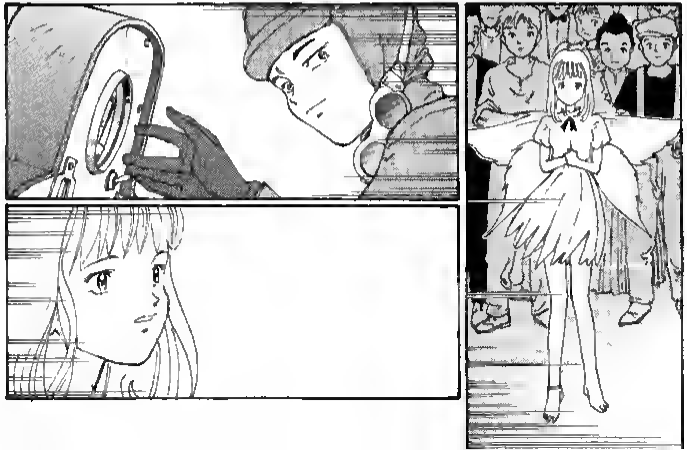
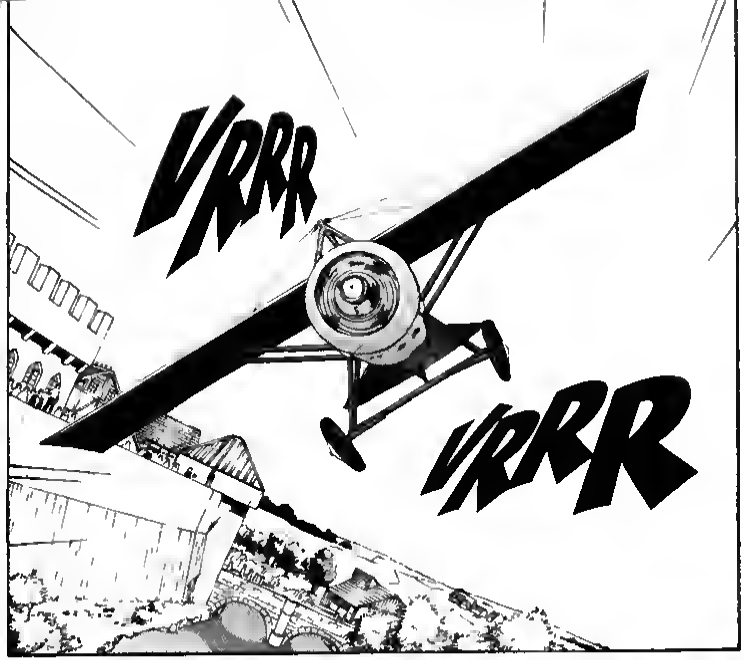
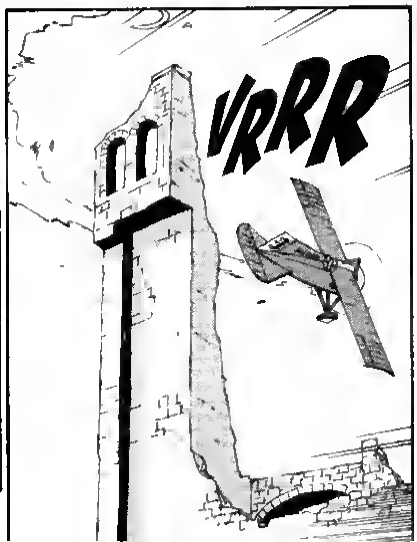

BROAH!
START!
THE TIME'S STARTED!
KACK
SHWOO
VRRRRRRRRR




VRRR
VRRR

HE'S FAST!
HE WENT AROUND THE TOWER WITHOUT THROTTLING DOWN!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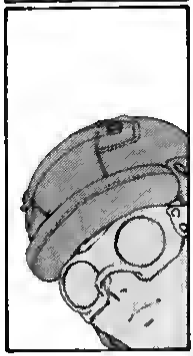

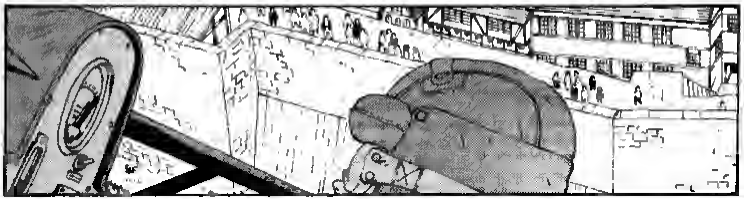

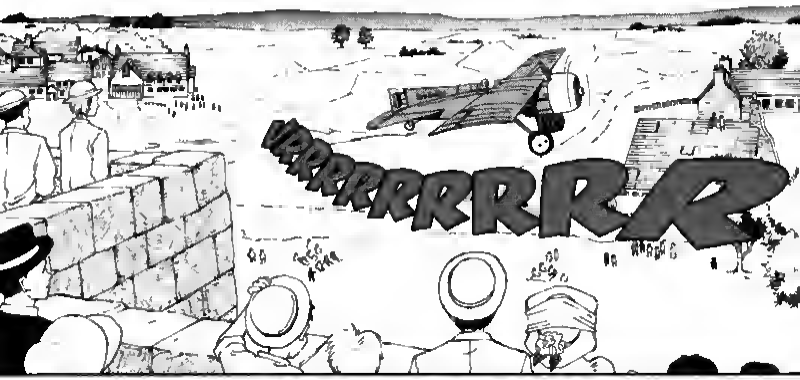
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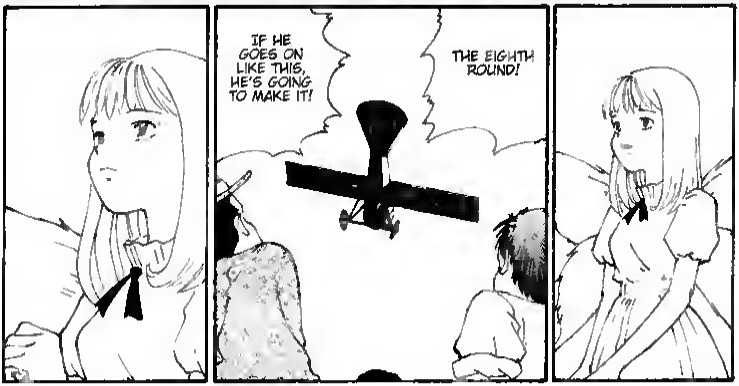
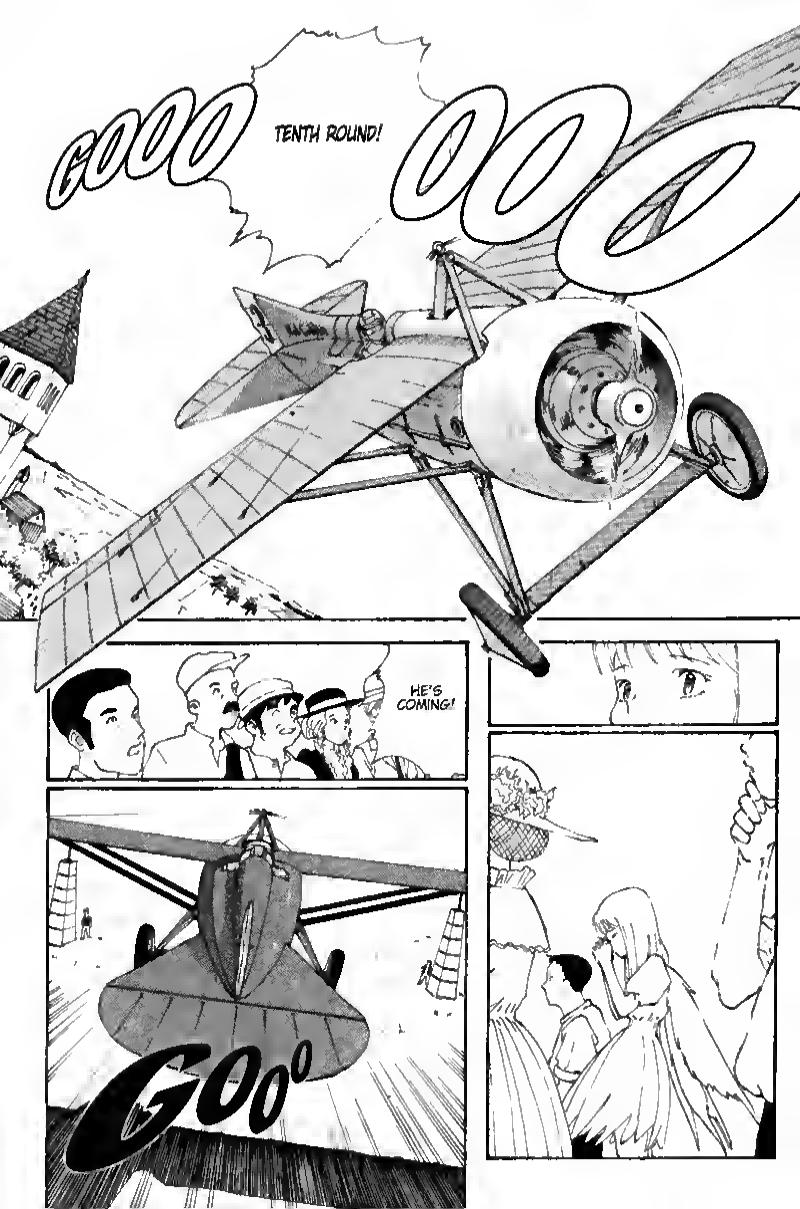
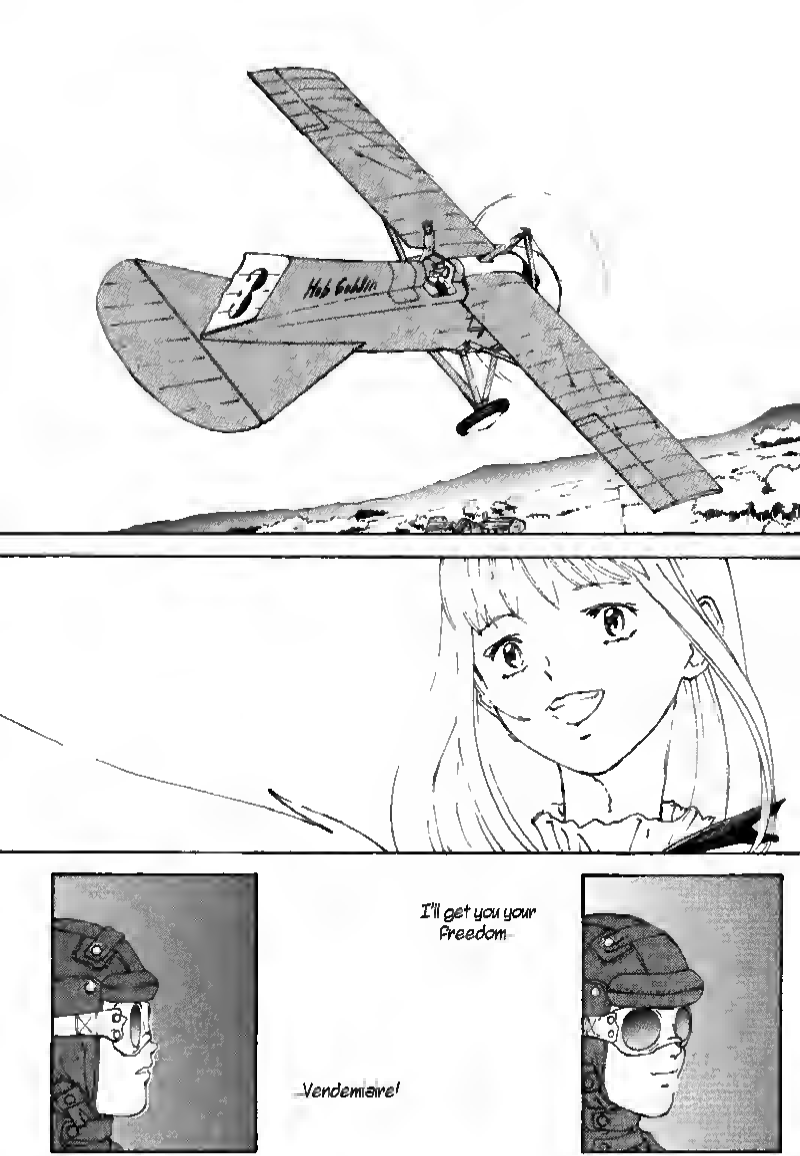

IF HE GOES ON LIKE THIS, HE'S GOING TO MAKE IT!
THE EIGHTH ROUND!

THE BOY WILL DIE!
YOU CAN'T BE FREE!
DON'T WORRY!


GOOO
TENTH ROUND!
OOO
HE'S COMING!
GOOº

AAAH...
WAH!
AH...


Hob Goblin
I'll get you your freedom
Vendemiaire!

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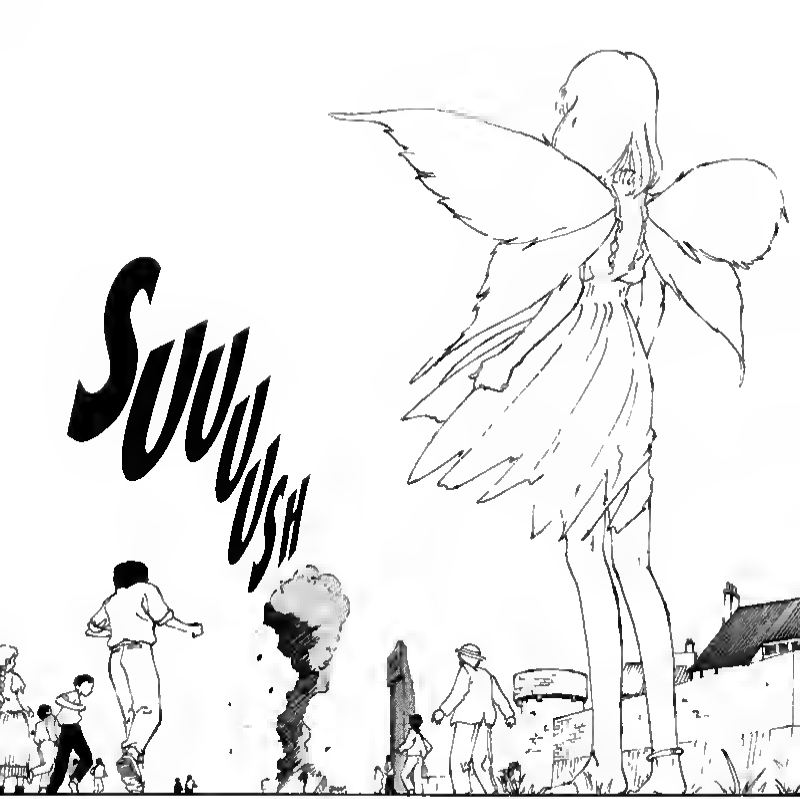
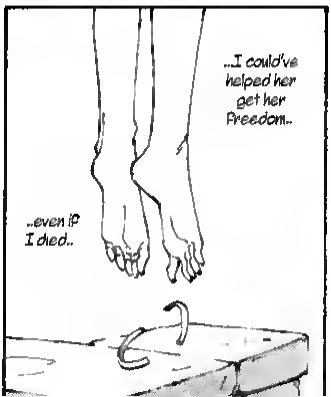
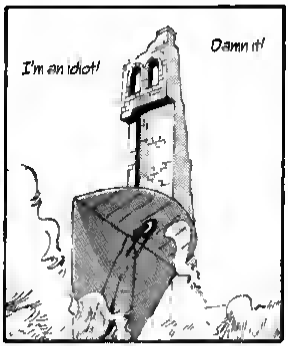
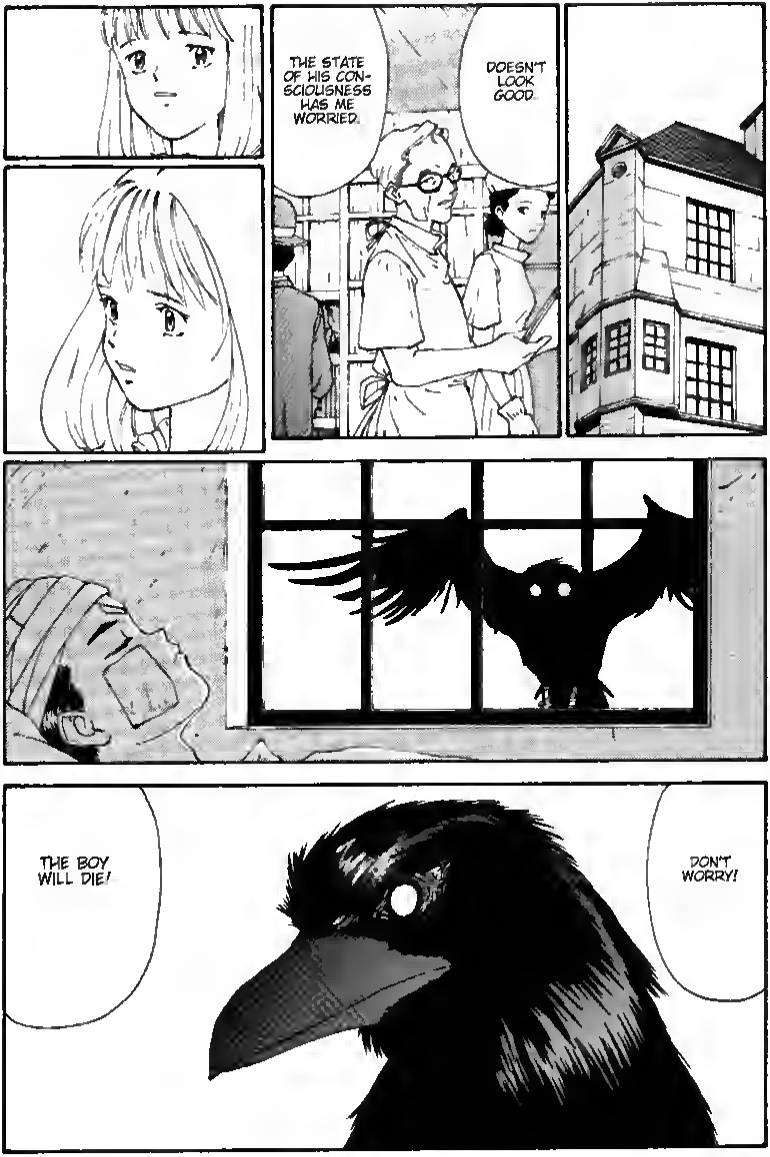

SUUUSH

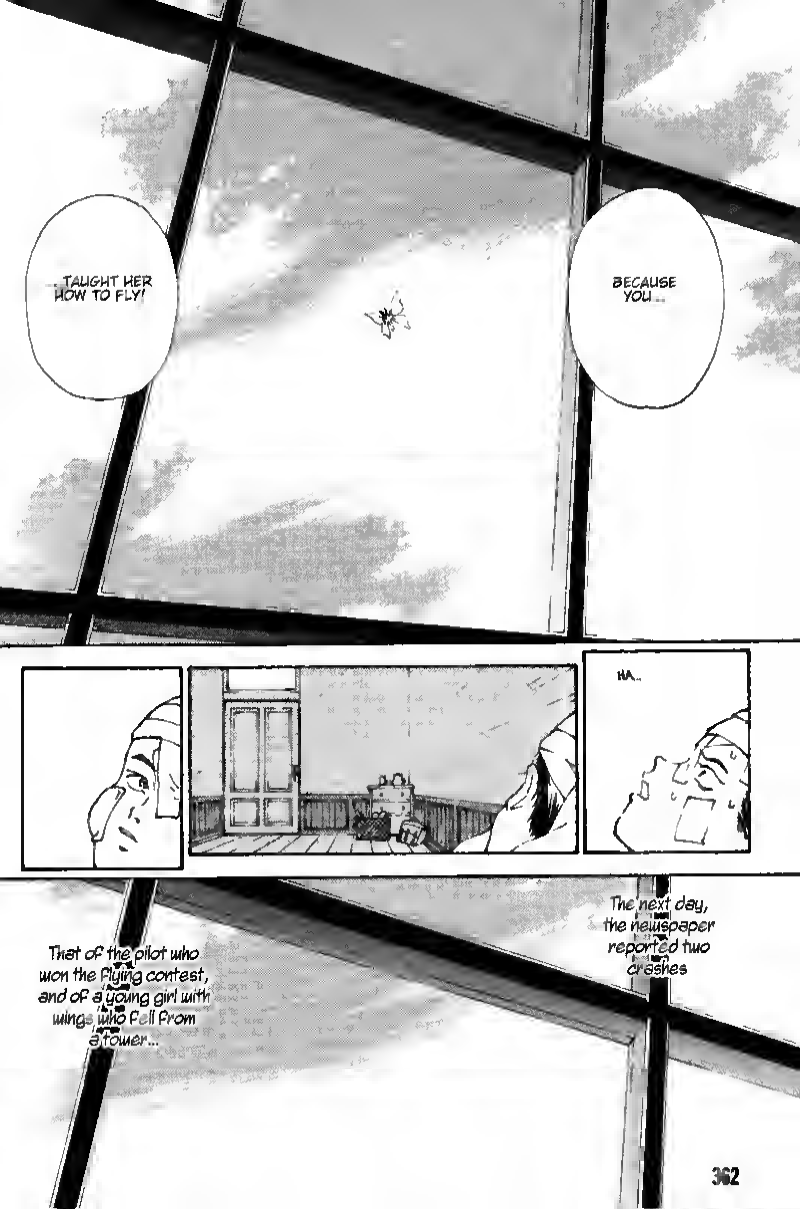

..I could've helped her get her freedom..
..even if I died..

IF I had written my will!


I'm an idiot!
Damn it!


THE STATE OF HIS CONSCIOUSNESS HAS ME WORRIED.
DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.
THE BOY WILL DIE!
DON'T WORRY!

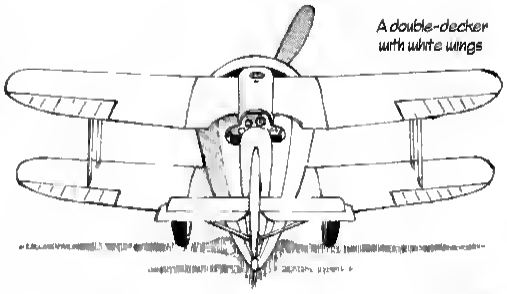
VENDEMIAIRE
...WHERE IS SHE?
...ANYMORE.
VENDEMIAIRE IS NOT AMONG US...
SHE HAS ESCAPED FROM ME...
...AND BECOME FREE!


...TAUGHT HER HOW TO FLY!
BECAUSE YOU...
HA...
The next day, the newspaper reported two crashes
That of the pilot who won the flying contest, and of a young girl with wings who fell from a tower...

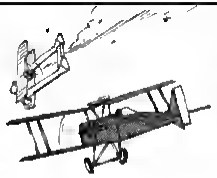
I named it "Pisky" and took part in more aerobatics contests with it

A double-decker with white wings

When I recovered from my injuries, I built a new plane with the prize money

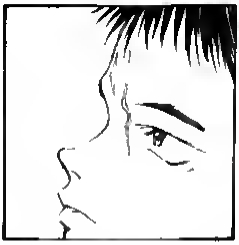


In this war it was all about killing



Soon there was nothing left of the "chivalry" of pilots.

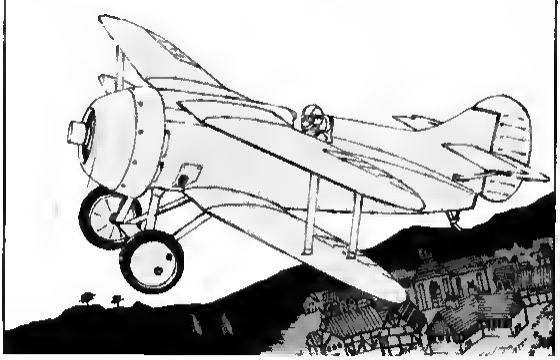
Shortly after that, the world war broke out



...but still I flew on with it

I was laughed at wherever I went with my machine, its rotary engine spraying castor oil...

...the time of the double-decker was over One could only see single-deckers now...



After the war, I built a hangar in the country

But...

I wonder if the soul of the unbaptized girl...

...is still flying somewhere?

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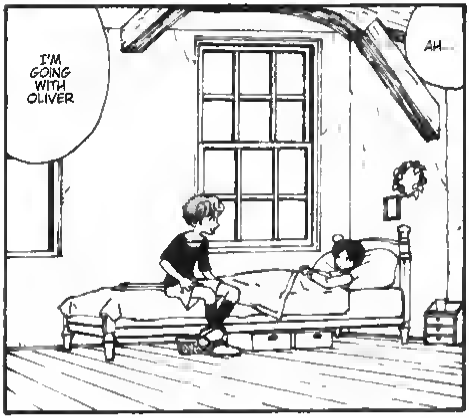
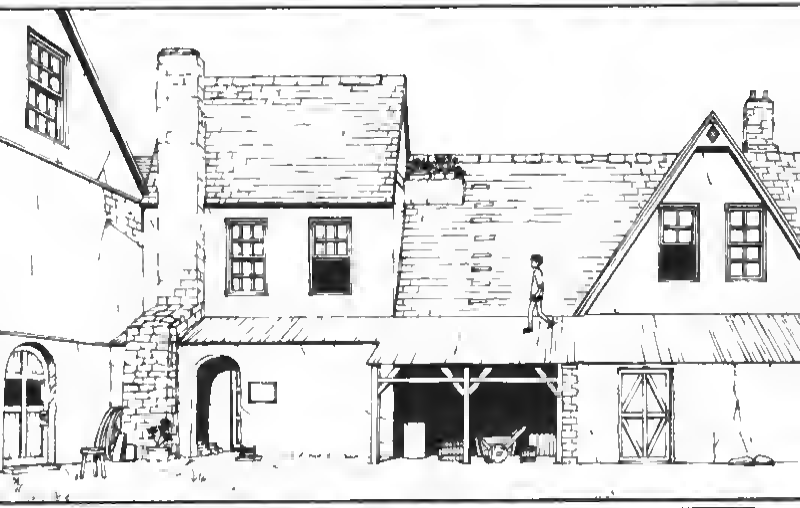
BROTHER!

WHEN IS THE TRADER COMING?
TODAY!

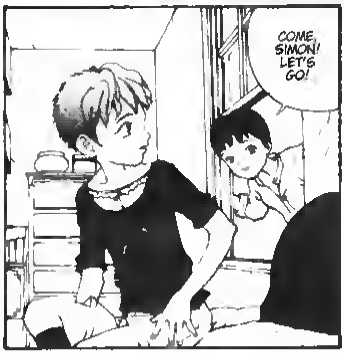

I'M GOING WITH OLIVER
AH...

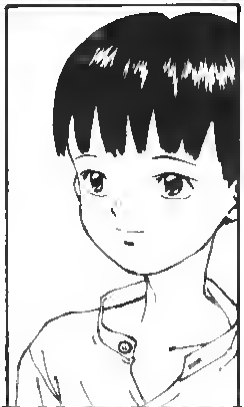
RATTLE
RATTLE

YES!
COLD PUDDING PERHAPS?
DO YOU WANT SOMETHING TO EAT THERMIDOR?



HELLO, OLIVER!


COME, SIMON! LET'S GO!

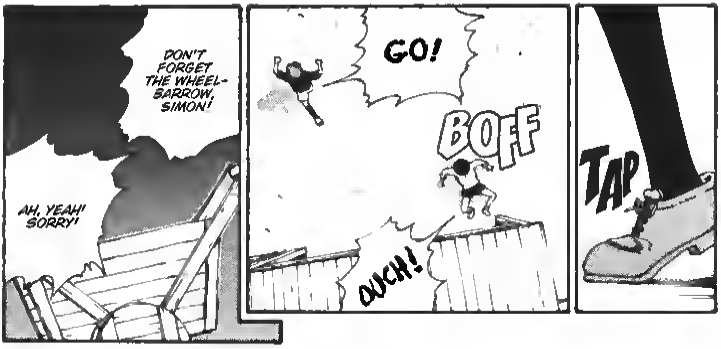


WE'LL BRING SOMETHING BACK FOR YOU!
COME, OLIVER!

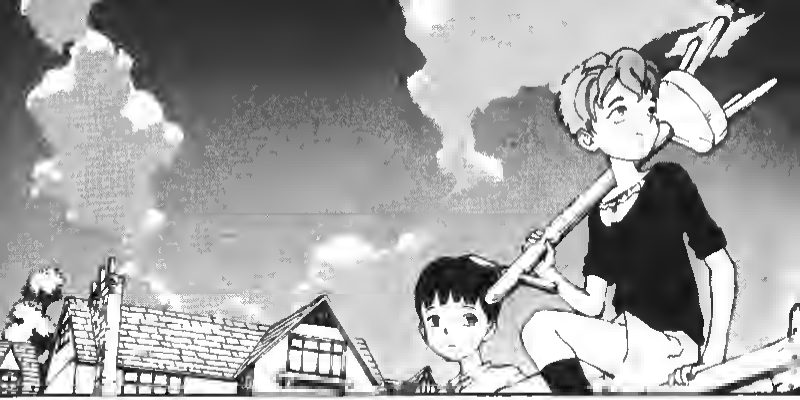
YOU SEEM TO BE DOING BETTER!
THE COLOUR'S COME BACK TO YOU, THERMIDOR!
THANK YOU.

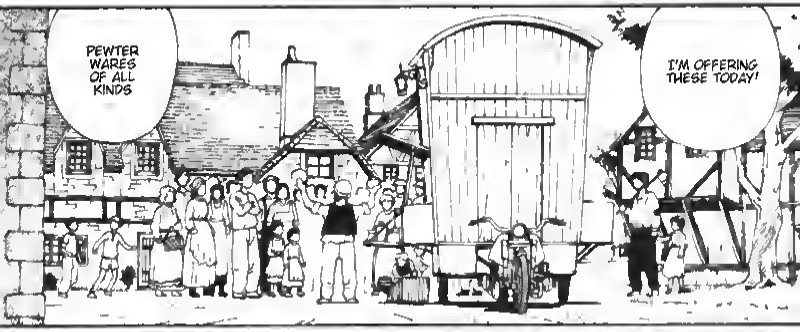
FALL!

KRACK
AH..!


DON'T FORGET THE WHEEL-BARROW, SIMON!
AH, YEAH! SORRY!
GO!
BOFF
OUCH!
TAP

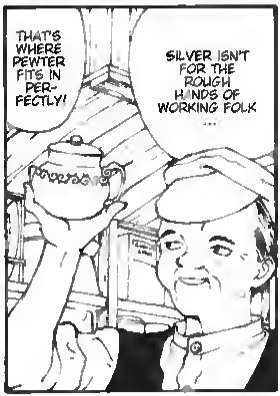
RATT
TATT
TATT
RATT
TATT




PEWTER WARES OF ALL KINDS
I'M OFFERING THESE TODAY!

AH, IT'S YOU... WAIT A WHILE!

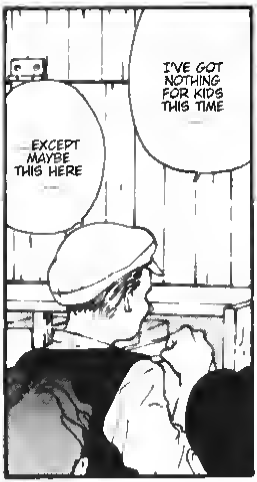
UNCLE!


THAT'S WHERE PEWTER FITS IN PERFECTLY!
SILVER ISN'T FOR THE ROUGH HANDS OF WORKING FOLK ...

I WANT YOU TO DO MY LAUNDRY AND CLEAN THESE DISHES AND POTS. CAN YOU DO THAT?
THERE'S LOTS TO DO!

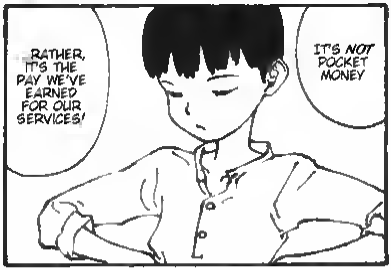
THOSE WHO WANT TO SELL SOMETHING, TO THE RIGHT PLEASE!

NOW I'VE GOT TIME FOR YOU!


I'VE GOT NOTHING FOR KIDS THIS TIME
EXCEPT MAYBE THIS HERE

OH, SORRY

YOU'RE GETTING YOUR POCKET MONEY TOO!
HA HA HA
OF COURSE, THAT'S WHY WE HAVE THESE BRUSHES!

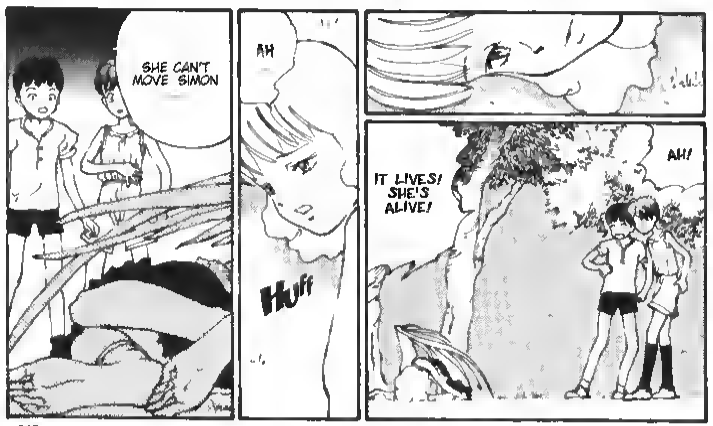

RATHER, IT'S THE PAY WE'VE EARNED FOR OUR SERVICES!
IT'S NOT POCKET MONEY

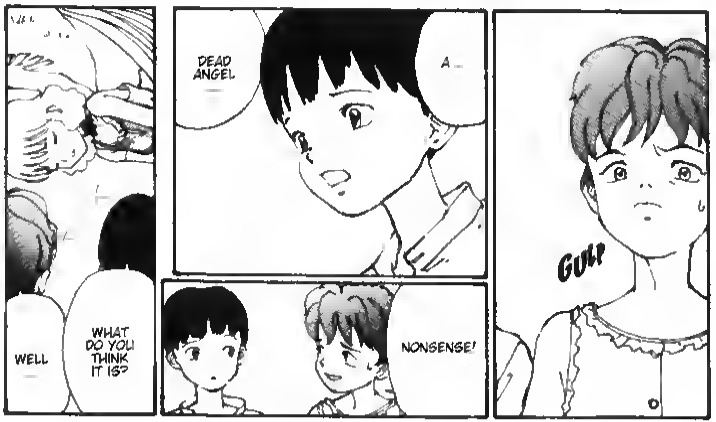
THERMIDOR WOULD SURELY LIKE THIS...
WOW, AN ANGEL DOLL!
AH, NONSENSE!
YOU SEEM TO LIKE IT TOO...
NO
SO, SHOULD WE TAKE IT?
WHY NOT? THIS ONE'S A REAL BEAUTY!
I DON'T LIKE ANGELS!

LET'S WASH UP THE STUFF!
COME NOW, OLIVER!
HAVE EITHER OF YOU EVER SEEN AN ANGEL?
IT'S ALL NON-SENSE
WAIT FOR ME, SIMON!
AN ANGEL WILL COME FOR THE SOUL OF HIS SISTER
HM

PUH, IT'S HOT
SPLISH SPLASH
THEN LET'S RUN!
IT'S A LONG WAY!
RUN?
didn't you want to rest?
SO COME, OLIVER!
ALWAYS IN A HURRY
LET'S GO THERE AND REST A WHILE!
THERE ARE STRAWBERRIES GROWING NEAR THE STONE CIRCLE!

PLAYED WITH THE DOLL!
THERMIDOR COULD'VE
HUFF HUFF
IT'S NOT A REAL ANGEL
WHAT?
OW!
BAFF
YOU SHOULDN'T TAKE IT SO SERIOUSLY


SHE CAN'T MOVE SIMON
AH
Huff
IT LIVES! SHE'S ALIVE!
AH!

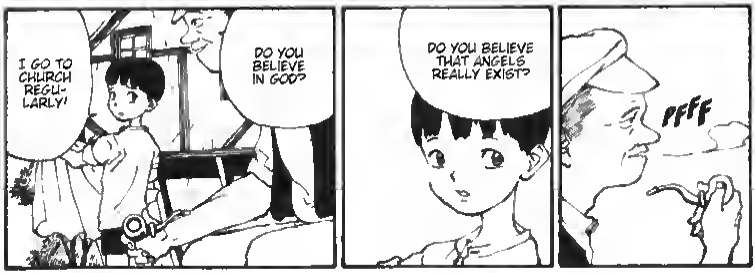

WELL
WHAT DO YOU THINK IT IS?
DEAD ANGEL
A...
NONSENSE!
GULP

GET AN ADULT
PL
PLEASE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "AND NOW" ?!
AND NOW?
WE'VE GOT TO GET HELP!

AN ANGEL PER-HAPS
WHO ARE YOU?!
IF YOU THINK
THAT I LOOK LIKE ONE, PERHAPS

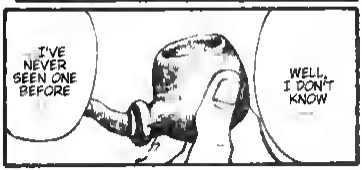
YOU'RE NOT TO SAY A WORD TO ANYONE ABOUT IT YOU HEAR?
YEAH.
WE COULD SELL HER!
YOU'RE HORRIBLE! YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID SHE'S AN ANGEL!
HM?
SIMON...
TOOK THERMIDOR
MAYBE THE ANGEL REALLY

AH, FORGET IT! THANKFULLY HE CAN'T MOVE!
BUT
SORRY
AND THEN HE INJURED HIMSELF IN AN ACCIDENT
I'LL KILL HIM
IF YOU'RE RIGHT
KLACK


I GO TO CHURCH REGULARLY!
DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD?
DO YOU BELIEVE THAT ANGELS REALLY EXIST?
PFFF

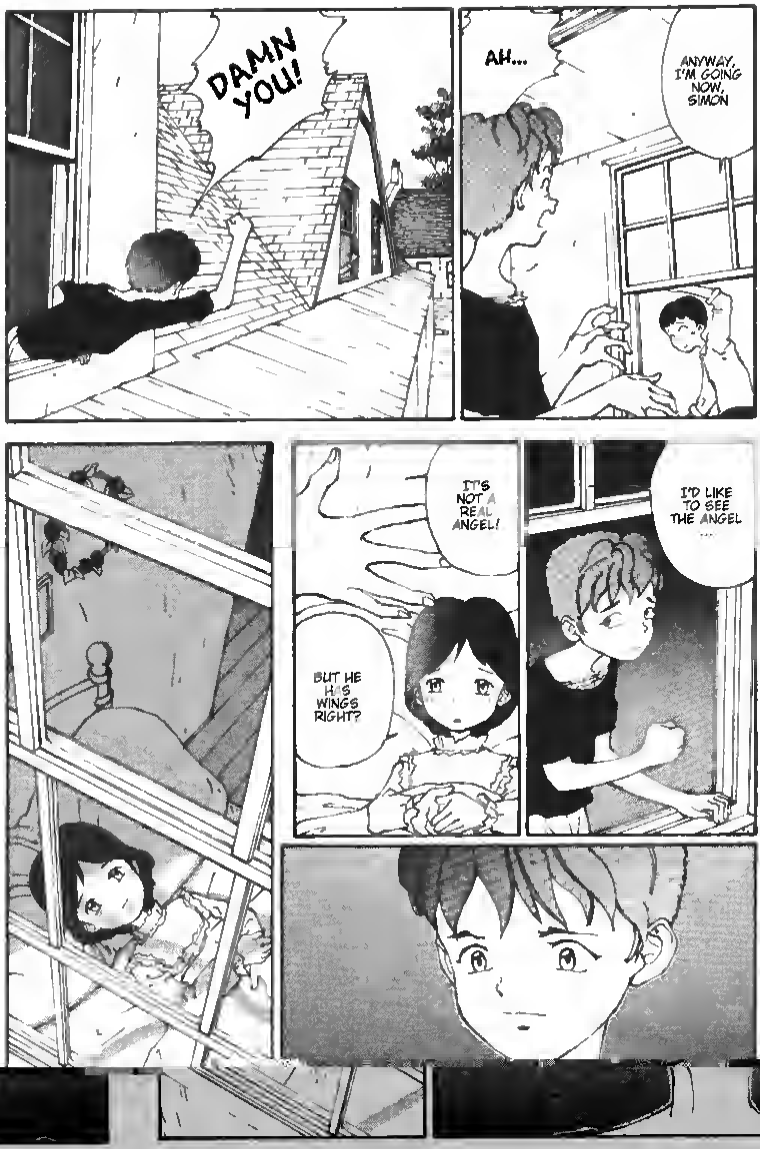
NOT ALL CHURCH-GOERS ARE GOOD PEOPLE!
BESIDES, ONE SHOULDN'T BE TOO SURE OF ONE'S FAITH

YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN GOD?
Haha,
I HAVEN'T BEEN THERE FOR 30 YEARS NOW


I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE BEFORE
WELL, I DON'T KNOW

I'VE NEVER SEEN AN ANGEL MYSELF ANYWAY
AS LONG AS STATUS QUO IS MAINTAINED PEOPLE FEEL SAFE
AND WHAT I HAVEN'T SEEN WITH MY OWN EYES
HMM.
OLIVER!
HOW DO YOU TELL IT'S A REAL ANGEL?
STORY ABOUT THAT
THERE'S THE CRAZIEST

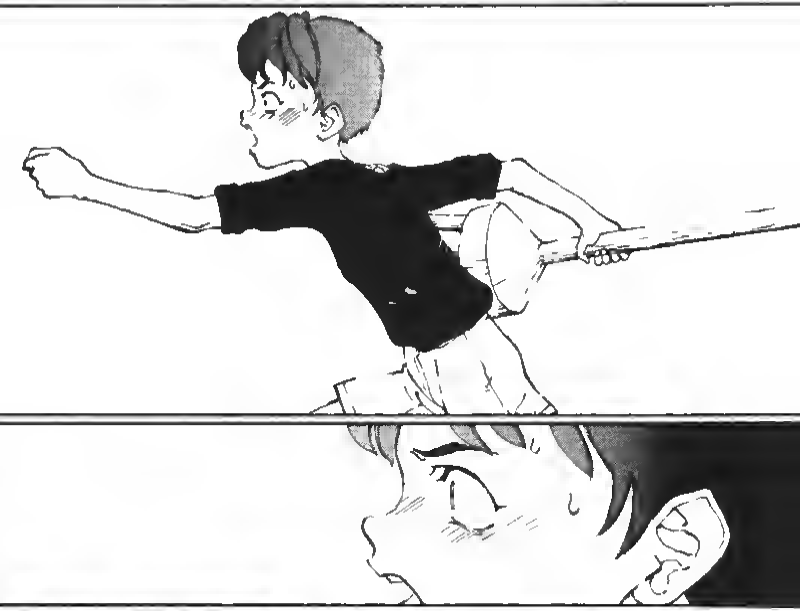
I'M GOING TO BUY PUDDING!
WAIT HERE!
SIMON SAID THAT?
YOU KNOW HOW HE IS
I WANT TO SEE
THE ANGEL TOO
YOU WANTED TO KEEP THE ANGEL A SECRET FROM ME, SIMON!
DAMN
OLIVER!
AH...
YOU KNOW

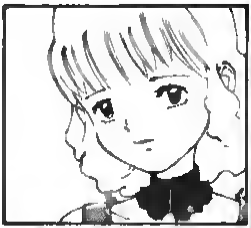

DAMN YOU!
AH...
ANYWAY, I'M GOING NOW, SIMON
I'D LIKE TO SEE THE ANGEL ...
IT'S NOT A REAL ANGEL!
BUT HE HAS WINGS RIGHT?

HM?
DAD...
SHE HARDLY TOUCHED THE PUDDING!
I THINK THERMIDOR'S TAKEN A TURN FOR THE WORSE AGAIN.
I WISH WE COULD HAVE A DOCTOR IN THE CITY EXAMINE HER.

LET'S BE THANKFUL THAT AT LEAST YOU ARE ...
...STRONG AND HEALTHY!
BUT ONLY THE NOBLES AND THE RICH CAN AFFORD THAT
GOOD.
I'LL BRING THERMIDOR SOMETHING TO EAT.

SIMON, WHAT'S HAPPENED?
OH, NO!!!
SHE'S NOT THERE!
KLIRR
GRAB
KLONG





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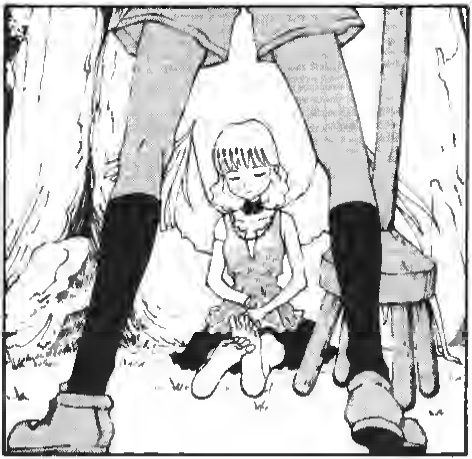
HUH?



AAH...
AH..
AAH...

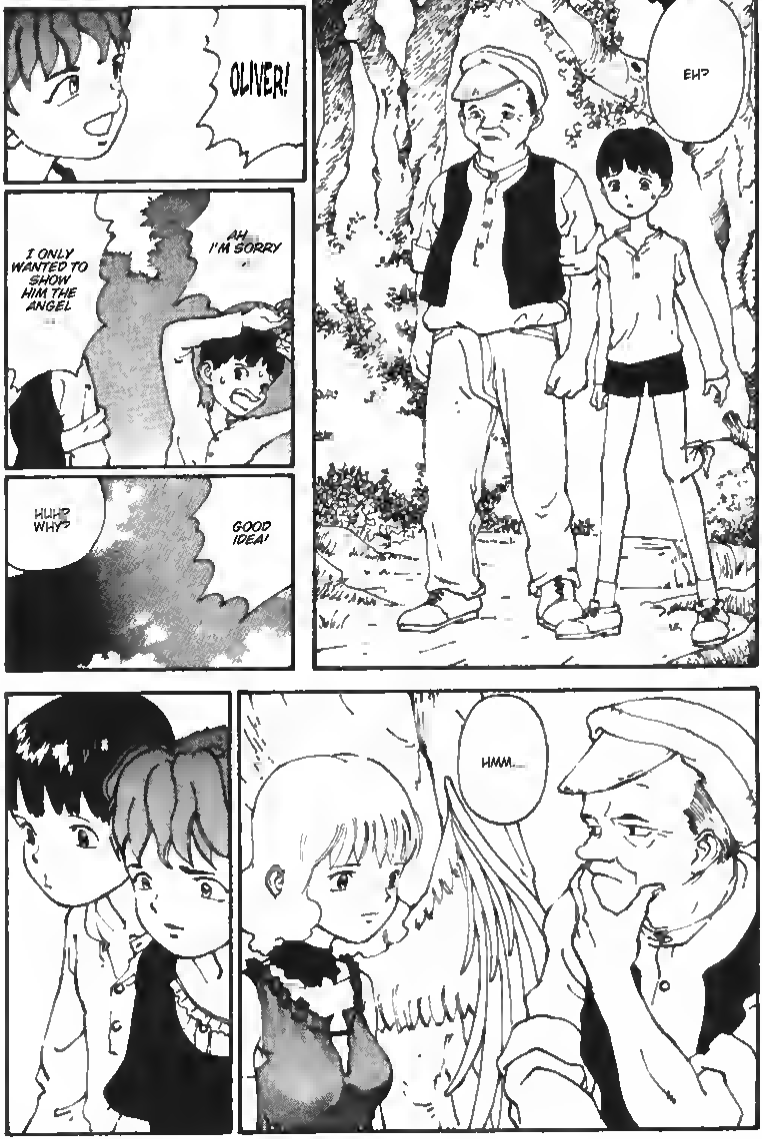
NO SIMON!
DONT DO IT!
BAAM

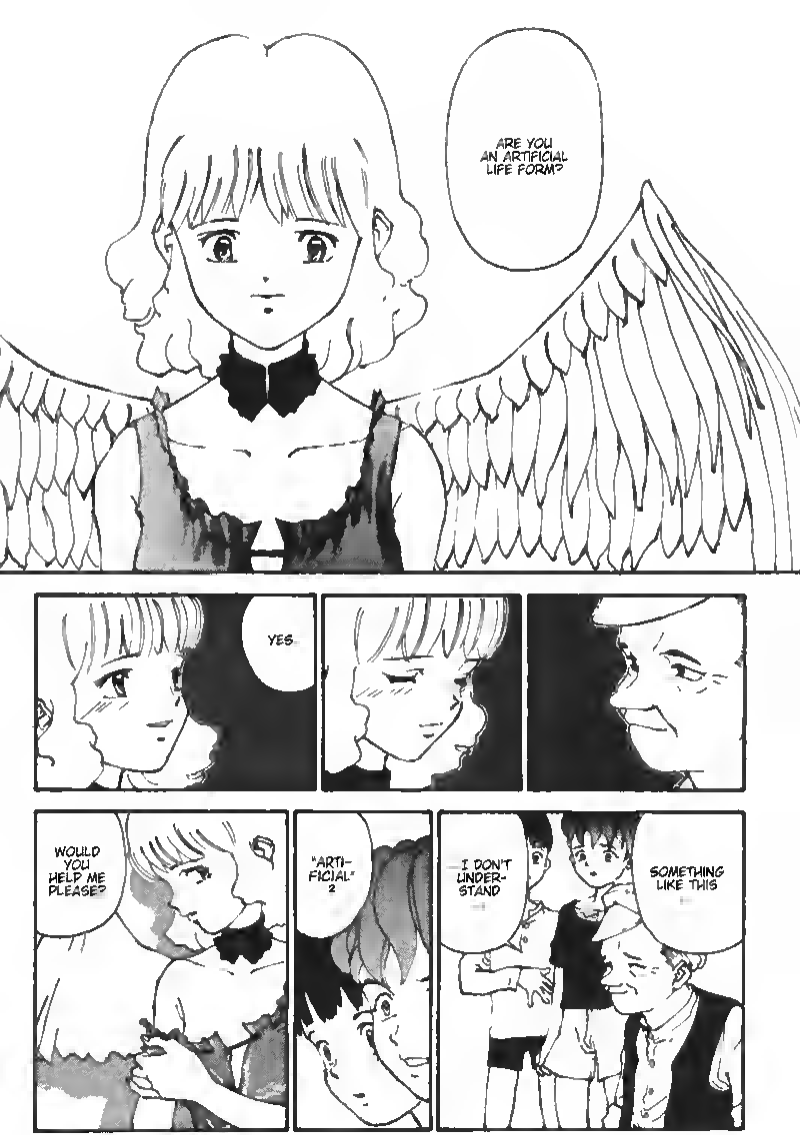
THERMIDOR!
HUFF HUFF
YOU THINK AN "ANGEL" IS GOING TO TAKE THE LITTLE ONE AWAY?

AT THE SAME TIME YOU NEITHER BELIEVE IN THE EXISTENCE OF ANGELS
NOR DO YOU KNOW OF A PREVIOUS SUCH OCCURRENCE
WE'LL SEARCH UPSTREAM!
HURRY, IT'LL GET DARK SOON!
THEN WE'LL GO IN THE DIRECTION OF THE STONE CIRCLE!
SO, LET'S GO!
THERMIDOOR...!

THEY'RE ALREADY LOOKING FOR HER
IF I BRING HER BACK, THEY'LL CALL OFF THE SEARCH AND THEY WON'T FIND YOU!
BUT SHE'LL TELL THEM WHY SHE RAN OFF
HM
YOU DON'T WANT TO BE DISCOVERED, RIGHT?
NOT BY ADULTS, IN ANY CASE!
THE TRADER IS QUITE OKAY
I THINK
THEN SELL ME
TO HIM!

BUT...
THERMIDOR...!
PERHAPS HE'LL TREAT ME WITH ATTENTION AND CARE!
SELL?
KRACKS
IT'S TOO LATE! WE CAN'T GET BACK TO THE TOWN.
KRICK
THEY'RE COMING!


OLIVER!
EH?
AH, I'M SORRY
I ONLY WANTED TO SHOW HIM THE ANGEL
HUH? WHY?
GOOD IDEA!
HMM...

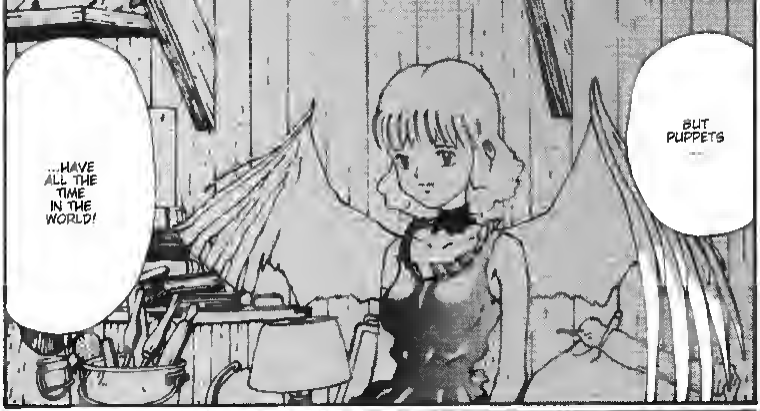

ARE YOU AN ARTIFICIAL LIFE FORM?
YES
WOULD YOU HELP ME PLEASE?
"ARTI-FICIAL" 2
I DON'T UNDER-STAND
SOMETHING LIKE THIS

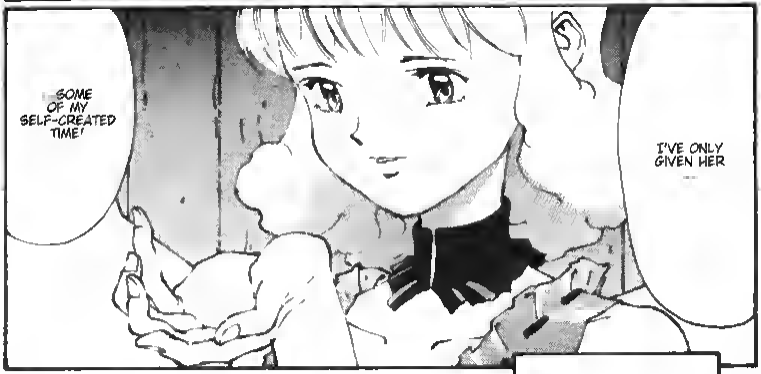
A MA-CHINE?
I'M AN ARTIFICIAL CREATION!
ARE YOU BROKEN?
YES
IS THAT WHY YOU DON'T MOVE?
NO, THE GEARS ARE ONLY DECORATIONS AND HAVE NO FUNCTION
EXACTLY LIKE
MY WHOLE BODY

I AM NEITHER
A PROPER HUMAN
...NOR A REAL ANGEL
BUT WHAT DO YOU CHILDREN SEE IN ME?
...OR A PROPER MACHINE!
HEY! I'VE FOUND HER!
HERE! SHE'S HERE!

I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A PILE OF MONEY BEFORE!
NOW YOU CAN TAKE HER TO A DOCTOR IN THE CITY!
MONEY?
WH..T'S THIS...?
THAT WAS AN EXPENSIVE BIT OF FUN
I'VE NEVER BARGAINED WITH A PIECE OF MERCHANDISE OVER IT'S PRICE BEFORE
VROOOM
VROOOM

TO GET ME TO SAFETY!
WHY DID YOU HELP HER?
TELL ME
I'M TOTALLY BROKE!
can't afford anything more!
BRATA
TATT TATT
RATT
I STILL HAD SOMAE STRENGTH LEFT
BESIDES
HIS OR HER TIME WILL RUN OUT EVENTUALLY
THE DEATH OF A HUMAN IS INEVITABLE
MEMORY


...HAVE ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD!
BUT PUPPETS


...SOME OF MY SELF-CREATED TIME!
I'VE ONLY GIVEN HER

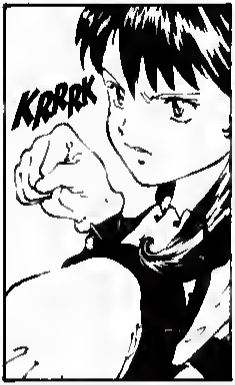
AND IF THE GIRL CAN BE FREED THAT WAY
GIVE ME BACK MY ANGEL!
SIMON!

END - CHAPTER 3

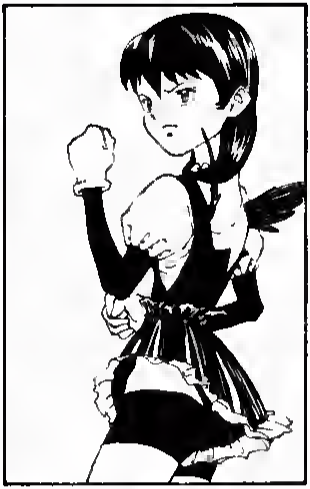
Chapter 4: Fructidor's Fiery Burial

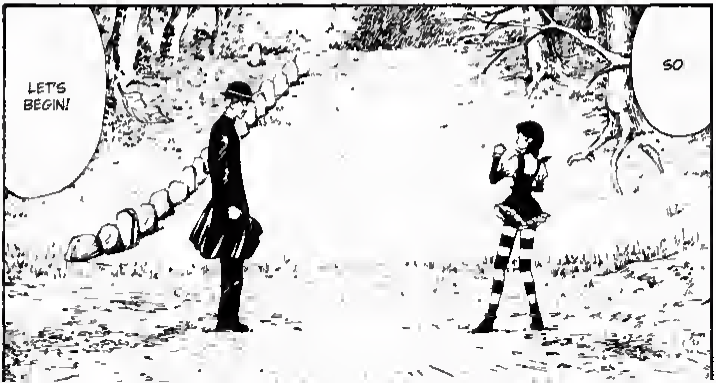
COME BACK WITH ME!
VENDE-MIAIRE...
...I CAN'T PLAY A PRISON PRIEST FOREVER!
YOU'VE BECOME TOO HEADSTRONG FOR MY LIKING...

...BY VIOLENCE...?
THEN.


KRRRK

VERY WELL.
KLAPP




LET'S BEGIN!
SO

!
WHOSH
SHOOO
GOPP

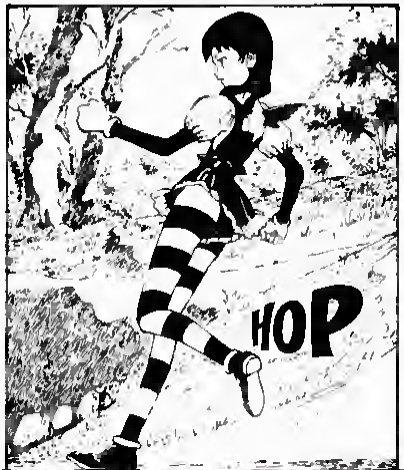
TAP
WAP

TAP
YOU...!
ZOSH

FAH—
DOMM
DOPP
WHACK

BASH

WUPP


HOP

KRIK

BUT IT ALSO IS A DISADVANTAGE!
TAP
IT HAS EXCELLENT AGILITY.
THAT BODY WAS MADE FOR AN ACROBATICS TROUPE
HA...
KWA
WAPP
GA

KLONG
YOU LACK POWER!
AND YOU'RE FRAGILE!
KRRRIK
AH...!

WOSH
DOSH
IF YOU DON'T GIVE UP...
FLAP
YOUR JOINTS ARE BOTH WEAK AND BRITTLE.
YOU ARE NO WARRIOR.

I WON'T BE SATISFIED WITH JUST LOCKING YOUR HEAD IN A BIRDCAGE!
WAPP

I ALONE DECIDE IF YOU LIVE...
...OR DIE
VENDE-MIAIRE...
GIVE UP NOW AND I'LL SPARE YOU

KLAK
STOP FIGHTING!
RNN
RNN
RNN
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

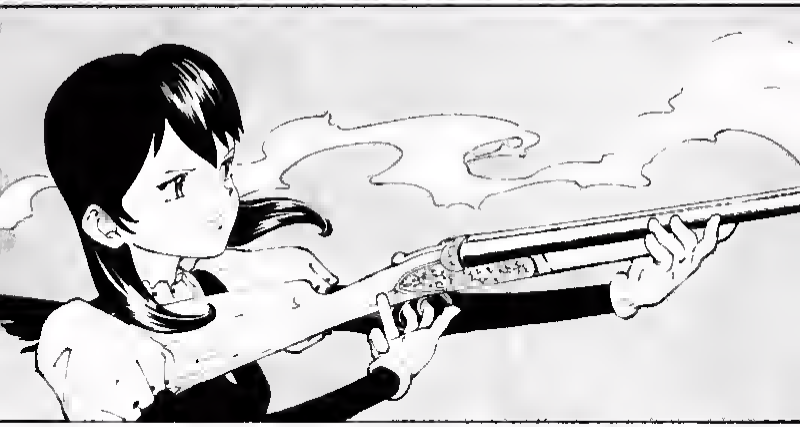
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO A WOMAN ?
ZOSH

AAAH

THIS IS MY LAND!

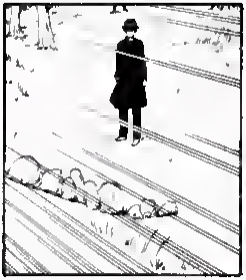
WAPP

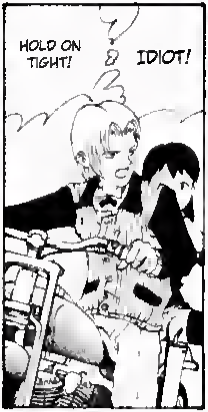
HEY!
GRAB
EH?
WUP
BLAM!
BLAM
CLICK

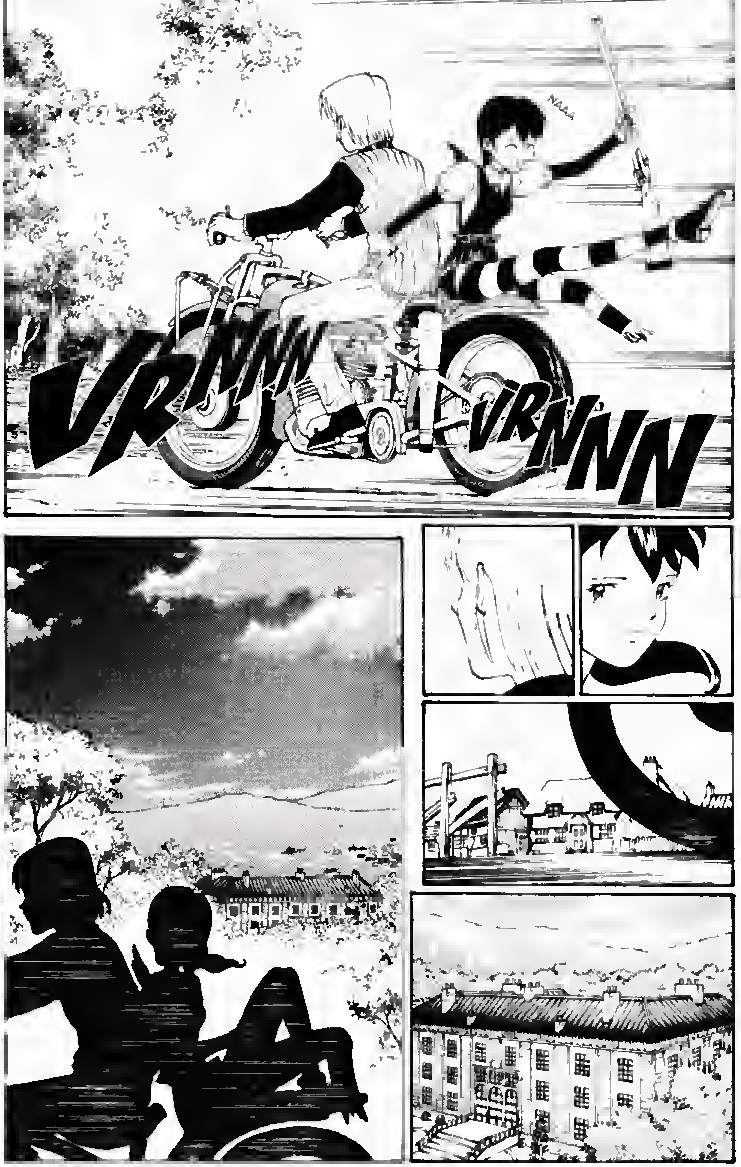


HUH?

UAAAH!
KROOOM!




HOLD ON TIGHT!
IDIOT!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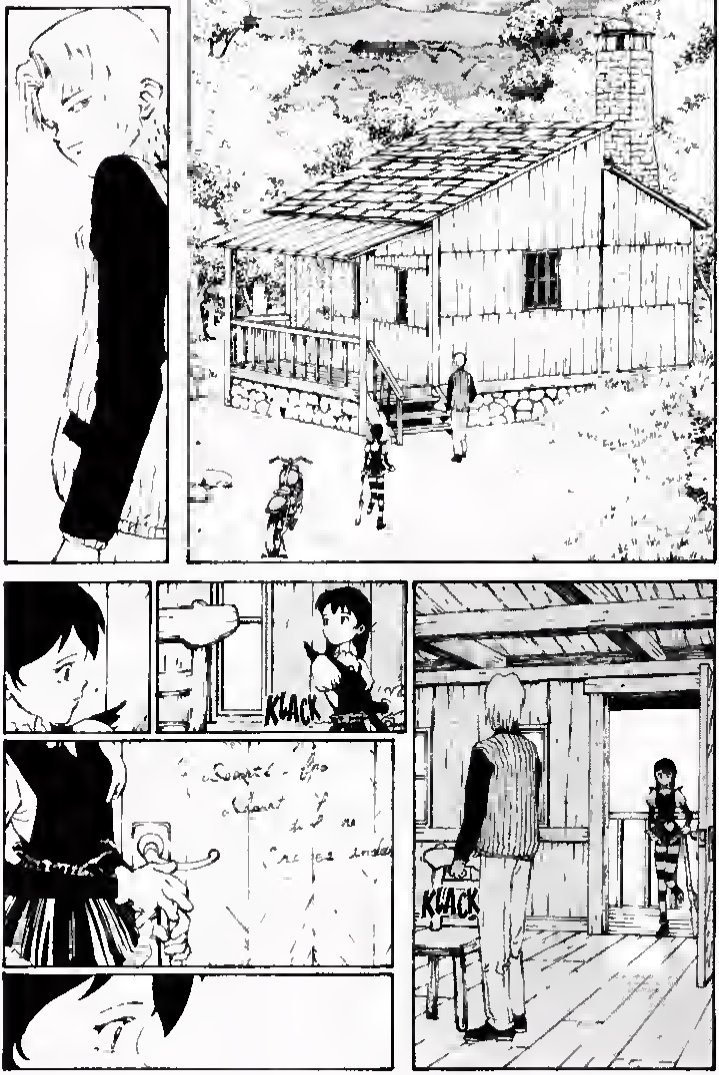
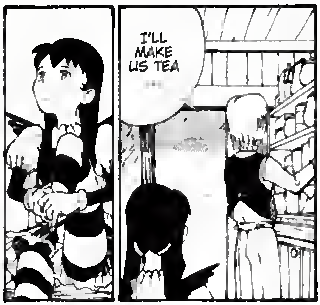

KLACK
KLACK

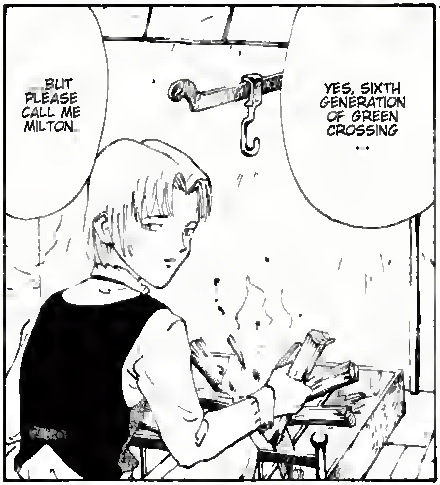
THEY WERE JUST BLANKS.
TSCHAK
HEY! YOU DON'T POINT GUNS AT PEOPLE!
YOU CALLED ME AN IDIOT.
KLICK
IF IT HADN'T BEEN LOADED WITH BLANKS...
KLONG
...AND PULL THE TRIGGER!
...BUT RATHER WITH LIVE AMMO.
...IT WOULD NOW BE OVER.

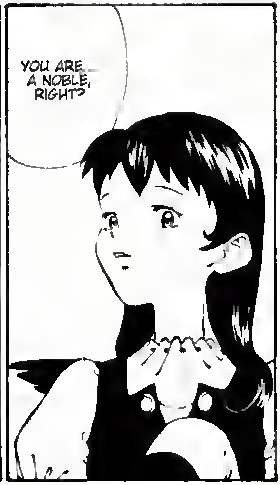
YOU'LL BE ANGRY AFTER THAT...
I RATHER NOT ASK WHY...

WHAAAT?


I'LL MAKE US TEA

APPARENTLY YOU REALLY WANTED TO...!

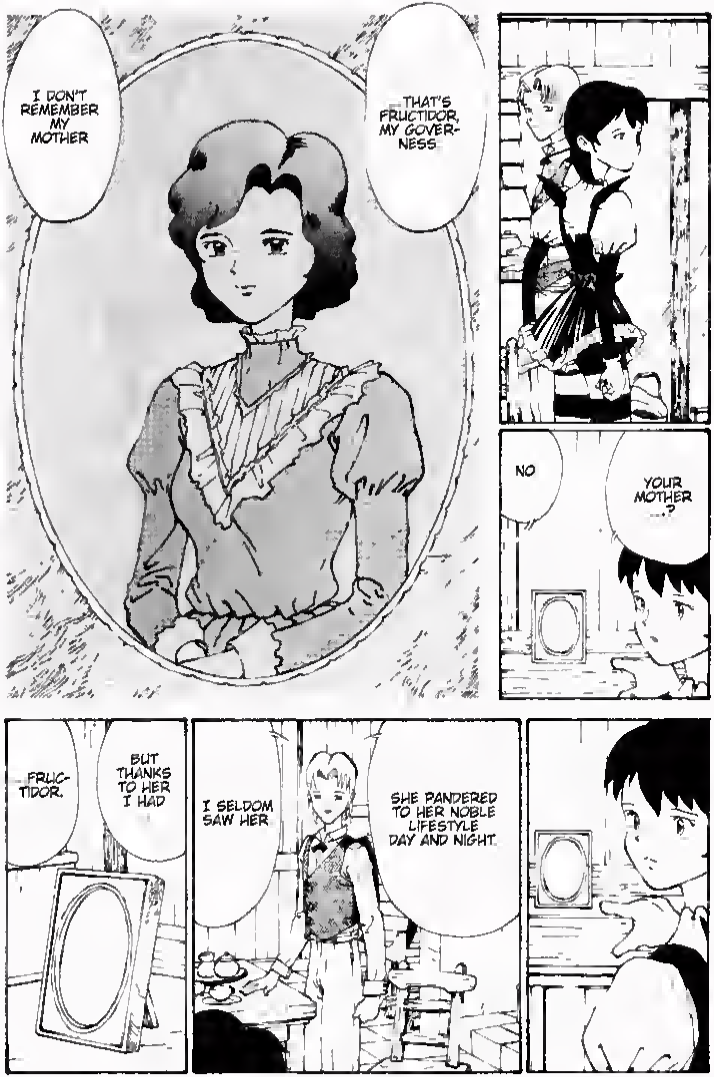

BUT PLEASE CALL ME MILTON.
YES, SIXTH GENERATION OF GREEN CROSSING...


YOU ARE A NOBLE, RIGHT?

THIS USED TO BE A HUNTING LODGE MY GOVERNESS AND I, WE RENOVATED IT
MY NAME IS VENDEMIAIRE
YES, THE BUTLER'S IN CHARGE THERE I HAVE NO SAY THERE
IS THAT THE MANOR BACK THERE?
IT'S ALL ABOUT BALLS AND RACE HORSES
BUT I DON'T CARE FOR THE "FEUDAL LIFESTYLE"
HE ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ARISTO-CRATIC BEHAVIOUR
AH, NO ONLY BLANKS
AMMU-NITION
HM?
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY CAR-TRIDGES?

I THOUGHT THE NOBILITY FOUGHT FOR THE FOLK AND THE FATHERLAND
IT'S "BOUND TO NOBILITY" AFTER ALL
SADLY, THEY'RE ALL LYING IN FATHER'S GRAVE
OTHER WEAPONS ?
HAHAHA
THEN THE EARLDOM OF GREEN CROSSING IS AT AN END THEN
BECAUSE I'M A NOBLE WHO DOES NOT FIGHT!

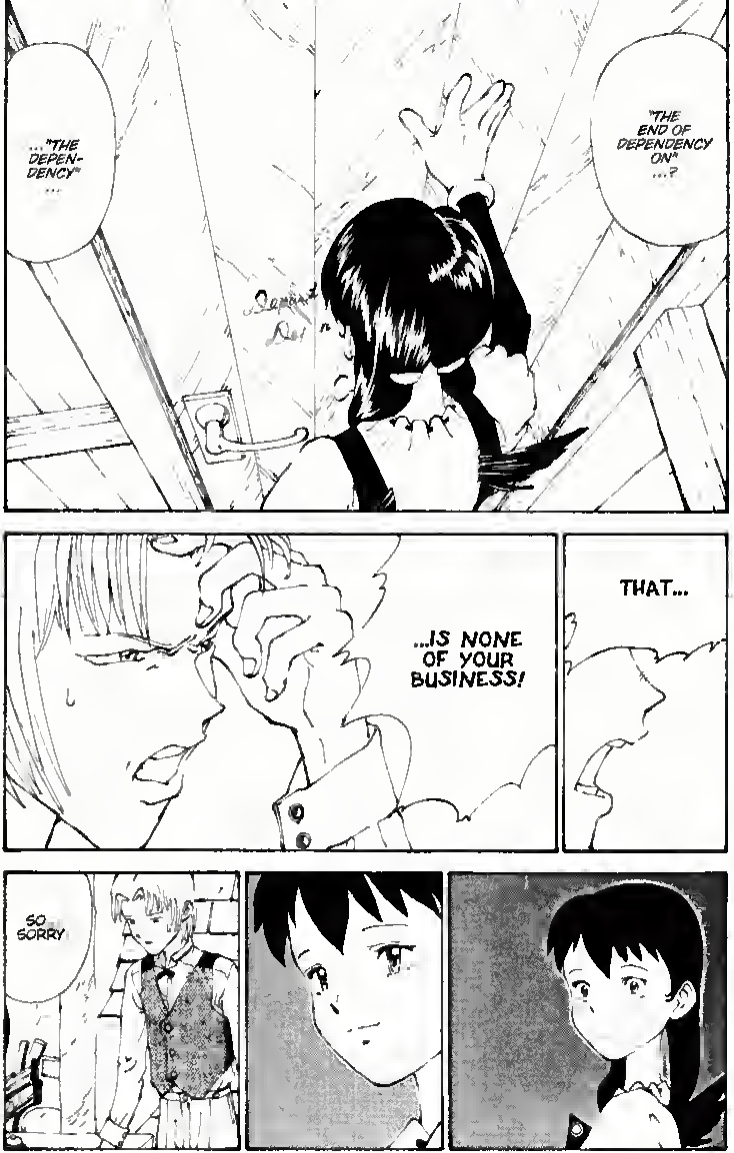
YOU'D RATHER HIDE IN THIS HUT?
YOU'RE PRETTY STRICT WITH ME!
JUST LIKE MY GOVERNESS!
SHE ALWAYS SCOLDED ME TOO!
IF YOU SEE SOMETHING USEFUL, GO AHEAD AND TAKE IT!
EVERYTHING HERE BELONGS TO ME ...

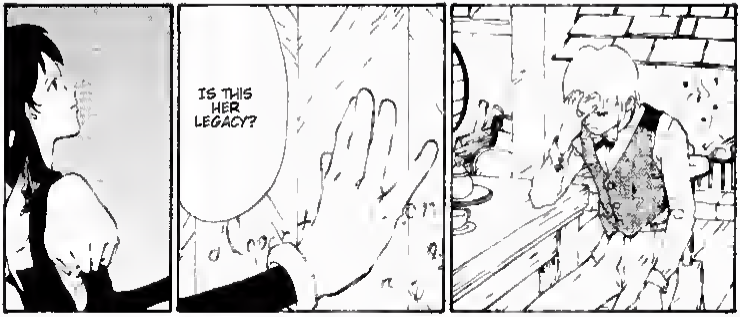

I DON'T REMEMBER MY MOTHER
THAT'S FRUCTIDOR, MY GOVERNESS
NO
YOUR MOTHER...?
FRUCTIDOR.
BUT THANKS TO HER I HAD
I SELDOM SAW HER
SHE PANDERED TO HER NOBLE LIFESTYLE DAY AND NIGHT.

THAT YOU DON'T FIGHT?
IS IT BECAUSE OF HER
SHE WAS AGAINST FIGHTING
YES
BUT SOMETIMES IT'S NECESSARY!
SHE DIDN'T FIGHT, EVEN THEN!
WELL, THEN SHE'S FIGHTING
WITH HERSELF AT LEAST!
KLOCK
YOU HAVE A PICTURE OF HER MADE FOR YOURSELF

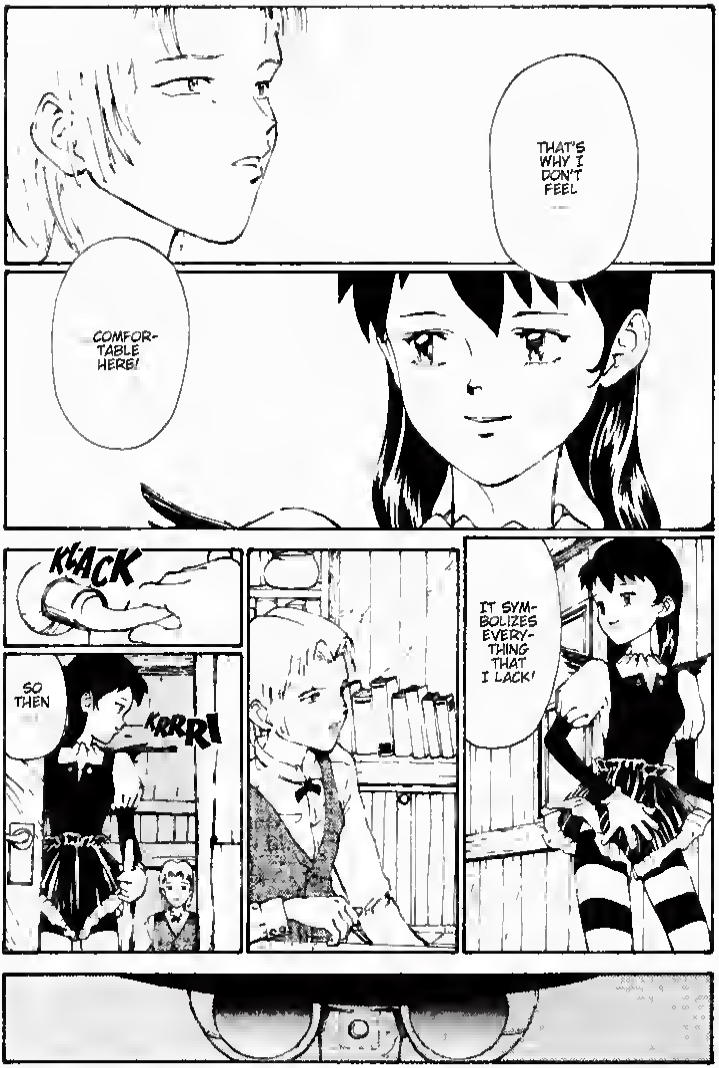
BUT IT'S NOT THE SAME AS IN REALITY!
IT'S JUST A GHOST THAT'S HAUNTING YOU IN YOUR MIND!
I'M GOING NOW... THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!
BUT THE TEA IS READY
I CAN'T DRINK ANY TEA!

I'M NOT HUMAN
MY BODY IS CARVED OUT OF WOOD!
HA HA HA
SO BRAZENLY
DO YOU KNOW THAT ONE SHOULDN'T LIE? ESPECIALLY NOT
WHAT'S ON THE DOOR ANYWAY?
I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS WITH ME!
HI HI HI


..."THE DEPEN-DENCY"...
"THE END OF DEPENDENCY ON"...?
...IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
THAT...
SO SORRY


IS THIS HER LEGACY?

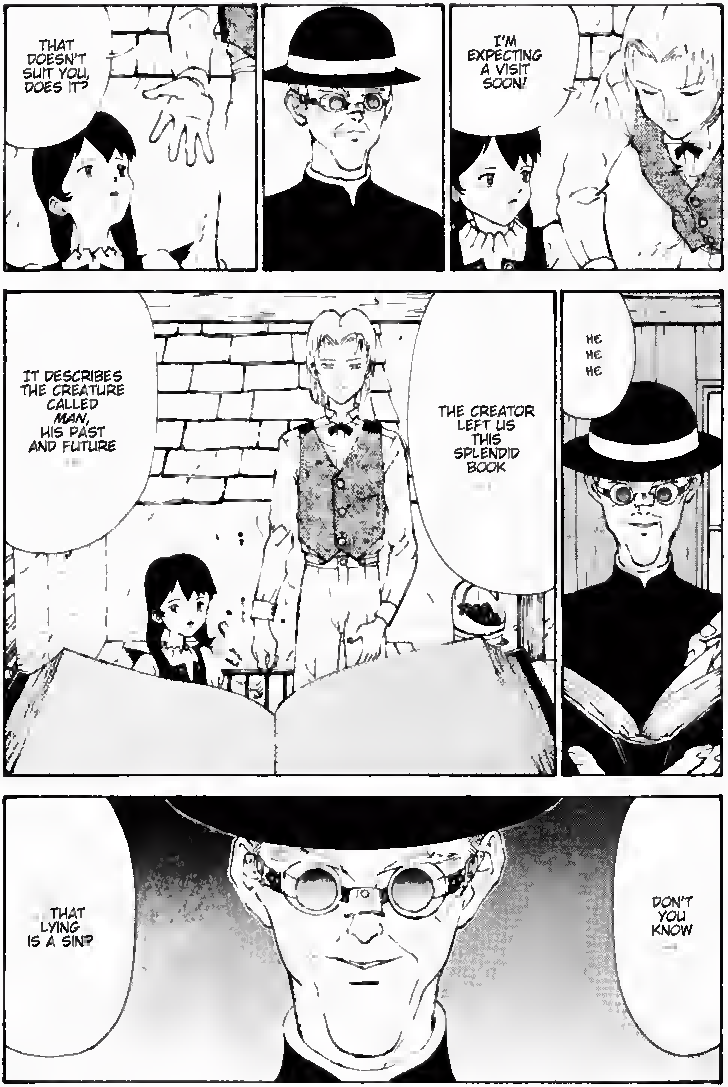
FRUCTIDOR'S WOMB!
THIS HUT IS PRACTICALLY

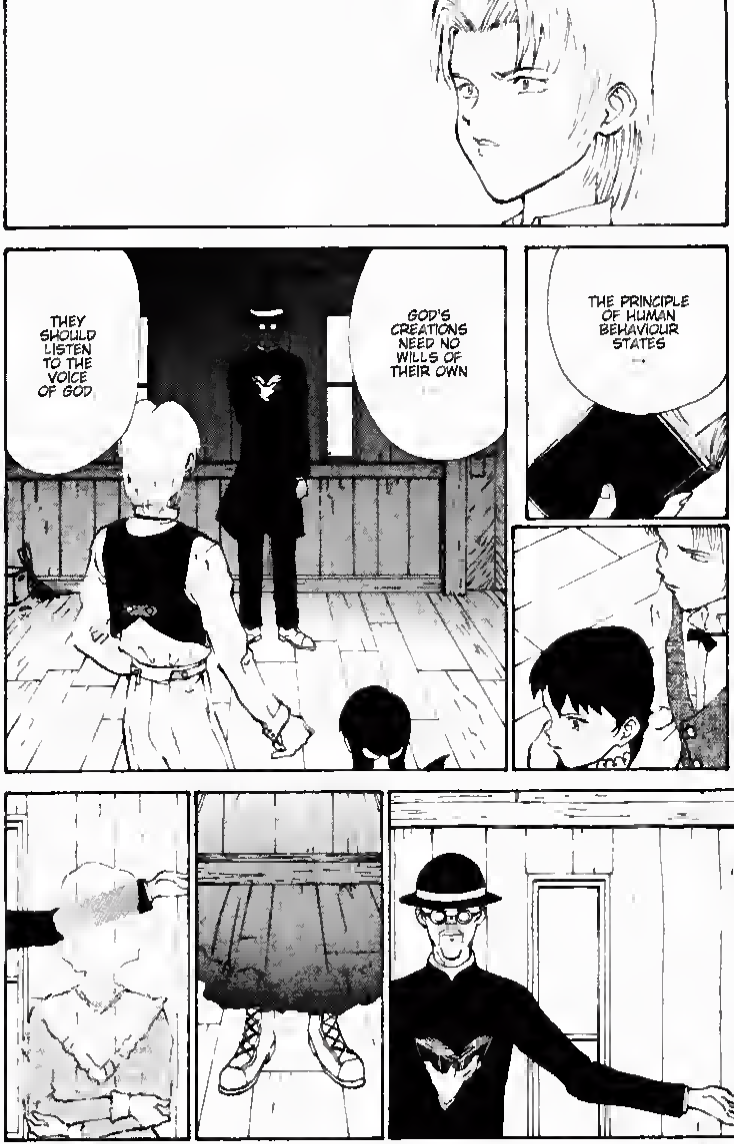

THAT'S WHY I DON'T FEEL
COMFOR-TABLE HERE!
KLACK
SO THEN
KRRR!
IT SYM-BOLIZES EVERY-THING THAT I LACK!

BASH
BOMM

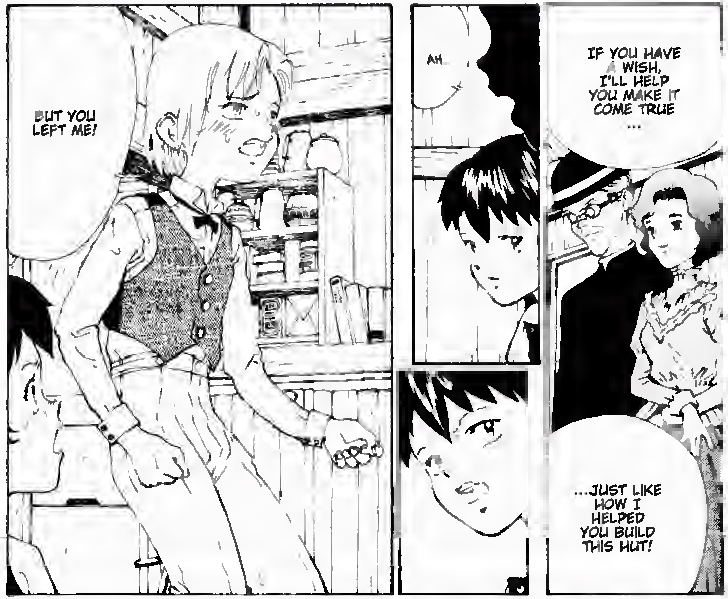
WHAT ARE YOU THINK-ING!
I HOPE I'M NOT DISTUR-BING?!
KRACH
I'LL LEAVE IMME-DIATELY!
IF YOU GIVE ME BACK THE PUPPET
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR WORDS LIKE "MY OWN WILL" FROM YOU ANYMORE!
SHE IS OUR MARION-ETTE
PUPPET ?

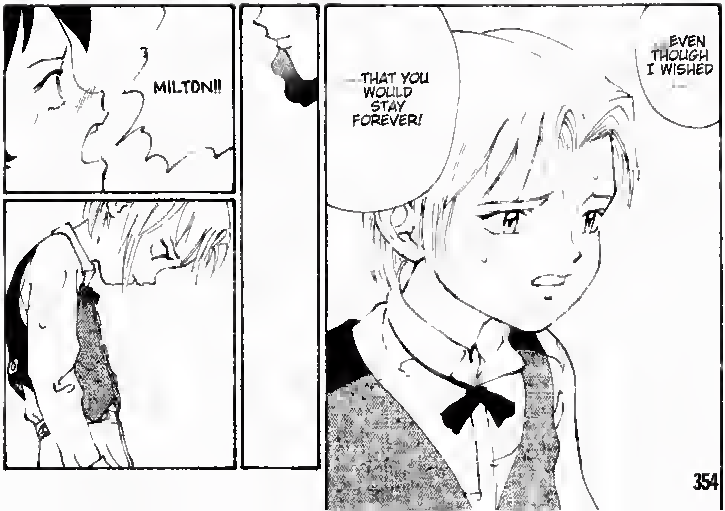
DOPP
OH NO ...
I DON'T WANT TO HURT ANY INNOCENTS.
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH ALL THIS.


THAT DOESN'T SUIT YOU, DOES IT?
I'M EXPECTING A VISIT SOON!
IT DESCRIBES THE CREATURE CALLED MAN, HIS PAST AND FUTURE
THE CREATOR LEFT US THIS SPLENDID BOOK
HE HE HE
THAT LYING IS A SIN?
DON'T YOU KNOW

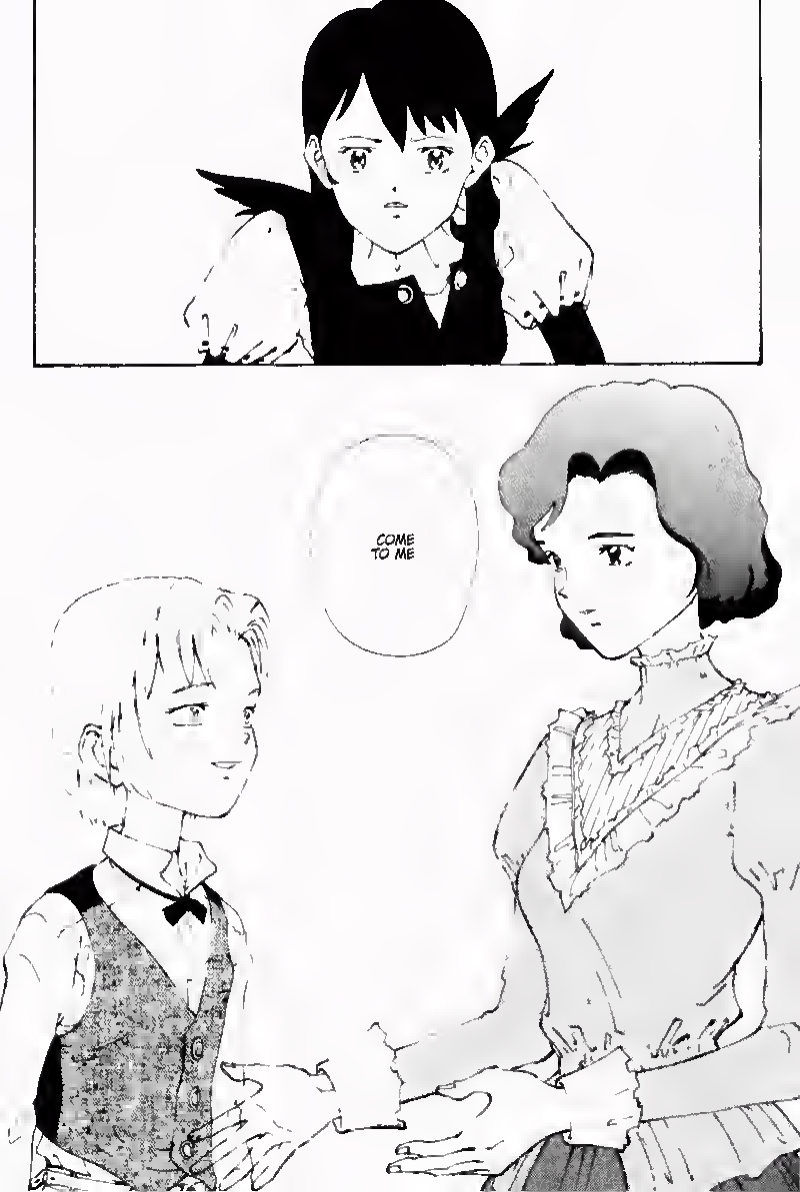

THEY SHOULD LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF GOD
GOD'S CREATIONS NEED NO WILLS OF THEIR OWN
THE PRINCIPLE OF HUMAN BEHAVIOUR STATES
...

MILTON
ONE MUST RETURN THAT WHICH DOES NOT BELONG TO ONESELF!
FRUCTIDOR!


BUT YOU LEFT ME!
AH...
IF YOU HAVE A WISH, I'LL HELP YOU MAKE IT COME TRUE ...
...JUST LIKE HOW I HELPED YOU BUILD THIS HUT!


MILTON!!
THAT YOU WOULD STAY FOREVER!
EVEN THOUGH I WISHED

EVERY-THING IS LIKE IT WAS NOW!
YOU MUSN'T WORRY!
LEAVE IT TO ME!
COME.
MILTON!

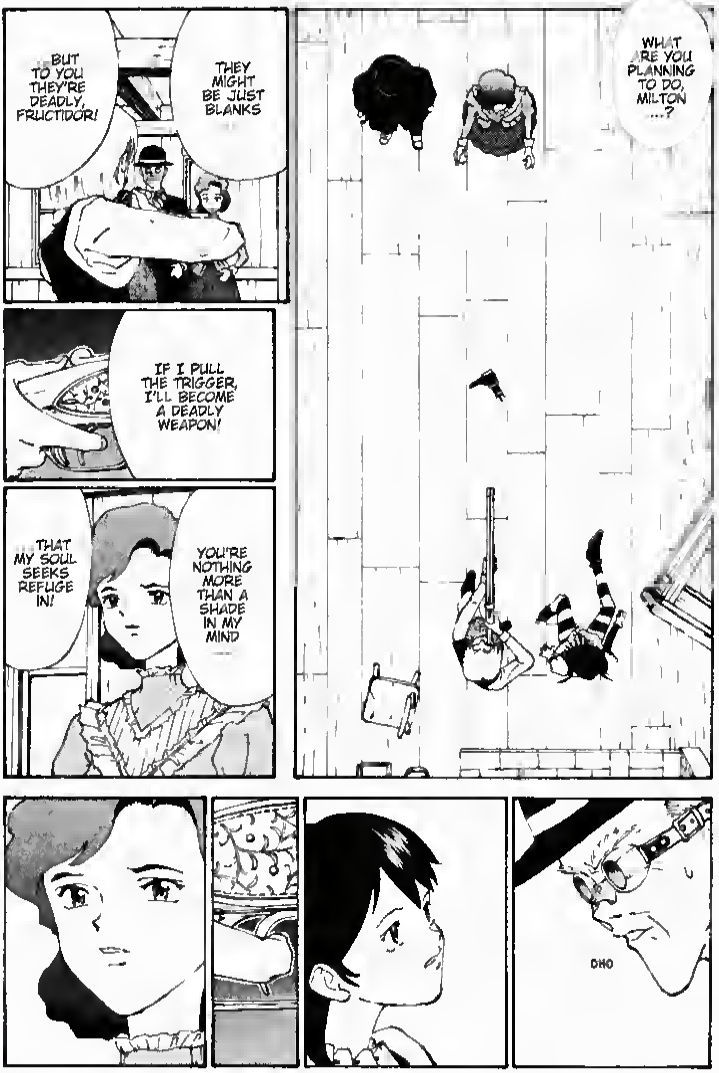

COME
TO ME

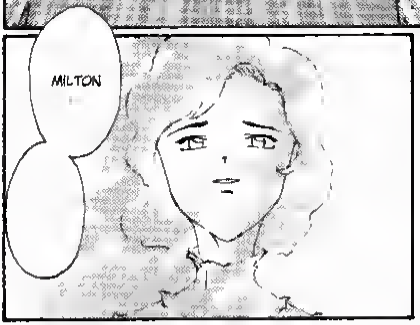
HI
HI,
HI
ON THE DOOR, MILTON!
READ WHAT'S WRITTEN

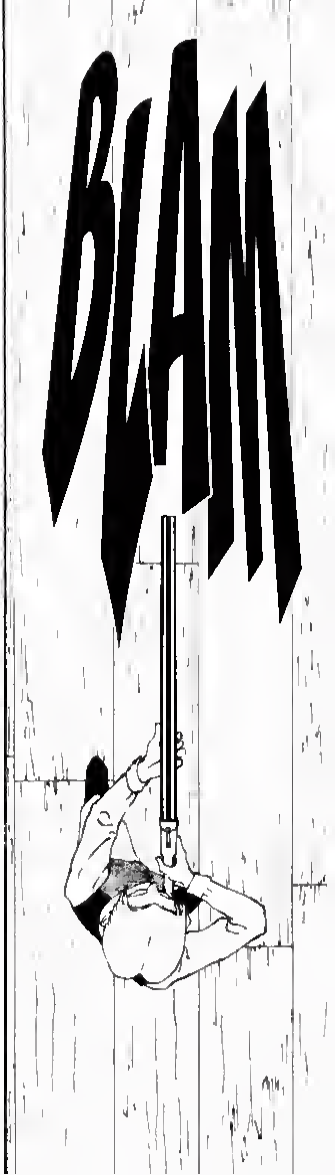
THAT IS THE BIRTH OF THE INDIVIDUAL!
THE END OF DEPENDENCY. THE END OF DEPENDENCY ON DEPENDENCY
YOU WROTE THAT, SHORTLY BEFORE YOU DISAP-PEARED
AND BECAUSE OF THAT, YOU BROUGHT HER INTO A DEPENDENCY
YOU WERE DEPENDANT ON HER
FRUCTIDOR WANTED TO CREATE AN INITIATION RITUAL FOR YOU THROUGH THAT!

THAT'S WHY SHE HAD TO GO!
...GROW UP!
SO THAT YOU'D FINALLY
YOU'VE ALWAYS IGNORED HER FEELINGS!
STILL YOU DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT AND HOLED YOURSELF UP IN HER WOMB LIKE A FETUS.

...AS STRICT AS MY GOVERNESS!
YOU'RE REALLY ...
MILTON!
BUT I'VE KNOWN THAT FOR A WHILE NOW
VEN-DEMIA-IRE!
I WILL PROTECT YOU

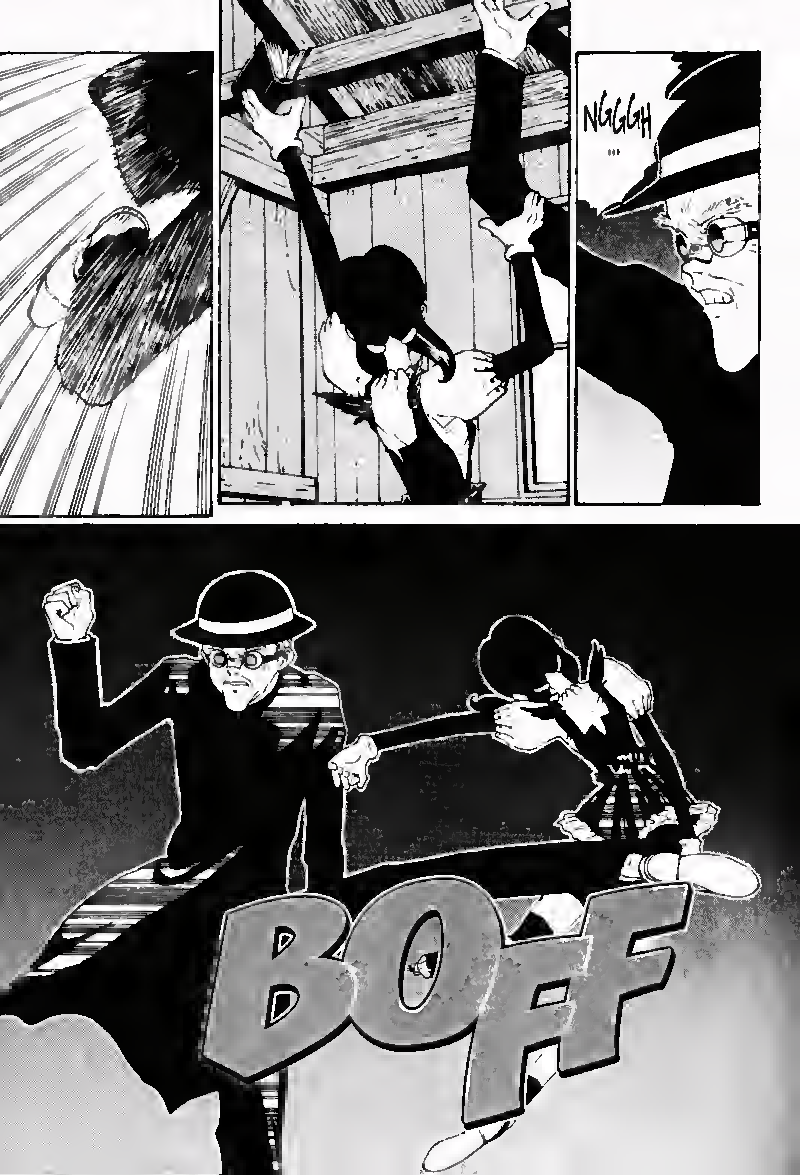

BUT TO YOU THEY'RE DEADLY, FRUCTIDOR!
THEY MIGHT BE JUST BLANKS
IF I PULL THE TRIGGER, I'LL BECOME A DEADLY WEAPON!
THAT MY SOUL SEEKS REFUGE IN!
YOU'RE NOTHING MORE THAN A SHADE IN MY MIND
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO, MILTON ....?
DHO


MILTON


BLAM

FAREWELL
BELOVED GHOST
PLITSCH
OOOH...
JACK

DOPP
WUSCH!
WOPP


NGGGH
...
BOFF

KLONG
GOSH
ARGH...

GIVE THAT BACK!
IT IS FOR YOU... FOR ALL OF HUMANITY— OF UNIMAGINABLE VALUE!

STOP IT!
STOP...
WAAAH

ARGH...
BOOM

AH
LET'S GO
HUFF
YOU'RE AS LIGHT ...
...AS FEATHER!
KLACK

THE HUT IS BURNING DOWN
IF...
...YOU'RE GOING TO SCOLD ME AGAIN
IF I ASK YOU NOW, "WHAT SHOULD I DO?"

DO YOU EXPECT ADVICE FROM ME?
ME? OF COURSE NOT!

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